

HIS FINAL STEPS

LED TO THE UPPER ROOM

Maundy Thursday

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | Bangor, WI

April 6, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we welcome you to St. Paul's. We especially welcome our guests who have joined us today. We pray that your soul will be strengthened by the good news of God's forgiveness through Jesus.

WHAT IS MAUNDY THURSDAY?

Maundy Thursday receives its name from the Latin phrase *novum mandatum*, which means, "new command." It refers to Jesus' words which he spoke to his disciples on this night, "A new command I give you: Love one another" (John 13:34). The institution of the Lord's Supper on that night displays the depth of Jesus' love for us and gives power to the Church to live out his command.

WHY GO TO COMMUNION?

"We go because we are poor, miserable people. We go exactly because we are unworthy. Say to God, 'I would like to be worthy. But I come, not upon any worthiness, but upon your Word, because you have commanded it.' In the second place, there is also a promise. For here stand the kind and precious words, 'This is my body, which is given for you. This is my blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.' Therefore consider and read yourself into the word 'you.'" (Adapted from Martin Luther's Large Catechism)

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Children's activity sheets are available near the entrance to the sanctuary. The church basement is also available with a live feed of the worship service along with a Kids' Corner for parents with children to utilize during the service if needed.

THANK OFFERING

You may leave your offering in the plate in the lobby. The QR code to the right will provide the link to our online giving option. If you're visiting with us today you are welcome to give an offering, but don't feel compelled by guilt or embarrassment to do so. God wants all offerings to be made freely and with joy.



HIS FINAL STEPS

In our Lenten services, we have been walking with our Savior on the final steps of his journey to the cross. How humbling and comforting to learn that Jesus knew exactly what lay ahead. Yet Jesus took his final steps to the cross for you and for me.

OPENING HYMN

To Your Temple I Draw Near | **226** (1,3,5,7)



1 To your tem - ple I draw near;
3 While your glo - rious praise is sung,
5 While I lis - ten to your law,



Lord, I love to wor - ship here.
Touch my lips, un - loose my tongue,
Fill my soul with ho - ly awe



Here are sac - ra - ment and Word;
That my joy - ful soul may bless
Till your gos - pel brings to me



Here be - liev - ers meet their Lord.
Christ the Lord, my right - eous - ness.
Life and im - mor - tal - i - ty.

7 From your house, when I return,
May my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say,
“I have walked with God today.”

remain seated

INSTRUCTION FOR THE END OF LENT

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. 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. 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. 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.

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.

In Holy Communion the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. 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. 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.

please stand

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.

Silence for meditation.

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.

EXHORTATION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and reconciled us to God and has promised us the power to forgive and love each other. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

C: Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: 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 promise 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.

be seated

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 24:1-11

¹Then the LORD said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, along with Nadab and Abihu and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship me from a distance. ²Only Moses is allowed to come near the LORD, but the others are not to come near, and the people are not to go up with him."

³Moses came and reported to the people all the words of the LORD and all the ordinances. Then all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words which the LORD has spoken we will do." ⁴Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD.

He got up early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain. He set up twelve memorial stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵He sent young Israelite men, who offered whole burnt offerings and sacrificed fellowship offerings of cattle to the LORD. ⁶Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and he splashed half of the blood on the altar. ⁷He took the Book of the Covenant and read it out loud to the people and they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do. We will obey."

⁸Moses took the blood and splashed it on the people. He said, "Look, here is the blood of the covenant, which the LORD made with you by means of all these words."

⁹Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up. ¹⁰They saw the God of Israel. Under his feet they saw what looked like a pavement of sapphire as clear as the sky. ¹¹The LORD did not lay his hand on the dignitaries of the people of Israel. They gazed at God, and they ate and drank.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 11:23-28

²³For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In 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.” ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

²⁷Therefore 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.

²⁸Instead, let a person examine himself and after doing so, let him eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

please stand

GOSPEL

John 13:1-15, 34

¹Before the Passover Festival, Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved those who were his own in the world, he loved them to the end.

²By the time the supper took place, the Devil had already put the idea into the heart of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

³Jesus knew that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God. ⁴He got up from the supper and laid aside his outer garment. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶He came to Simon Peter, who asked him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?”

⁷Jesus answered him, “You do not understand what I am doing now, but later you will understand.”

⁸Peter told him, “You will never, ever, wash my feet!”

Jesus replied, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with me.”

⁹“Lord, not just my feet,” Simon Peter replied, “but also my hands and my head!”

¹⁰Jesus told him, “A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet, but his body is completely clean. And you are clean, but not all of you.” ¹¹Indeed, he knew who was going to betray him. That is why he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

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¹²After Jesus had washed their feet and put on his outer garment, he reclined at the table again. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them.

¹³"You call me Teacher and Lord. You are right, because I am. ¹⁴Now if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

¹⁵Yes, I have given you an example so that you also would do just as I have done for you."

be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior | 313 (1,3,5,7)



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way
2 As his pledge of love un - dy - ing, He, this pre -
3 Je - sus here him - self is shar - ing; Take heed how
4 Use - less would be Je - sus' pas - sion If sal - va -
5 Christ says, "Come, all you that la - bor, And re - ceive



God's wrath for - ev - er; By his bit - ter grief and
cious food sup - ply - ing, Gives his bod - y with the
you are pre - par - ing, For if you do not be -
tion you could fash - ion. Do not come if you sup -
my grace and fa - vor; Those who feel no pain or



woe He saved us from the e - vil foe.
bread And with the wine the blood he shed.
lieve, Judg - ment in - stead you shall re - ceive.
pose You need not him who died and rose.
ill Need no phy - si - cian's help or skill."

6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken
That this food is to be taken
By the souls who are distressed,
By hearts that long for peace and rest.

7 Praise the Father, who from heaven
Unto us such food has given
And, to mend what we have done,
Gave into death his only Son.

His Final Steps Led to the Upper Room

¹²On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" ¹³He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and there a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him.

¹⁴Wherever he enters, tell the owner of the house that the Teacher says, 'Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

¹⁶His disciples left and went into the city and found things just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷When it was evening, he arrived with the Twelve.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

M: In his Small Catechism, Martin Luther summarizes what the Bible teaches about the institution, blessings, power, and proper reception of the Lord's Supper, also called Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Altar.

M: What is the Sacrament of Holy Communion?

C: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink.

M: Where is this written?

C: The holy evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and the apostle Paul record Jesus' words when he said, "This is my body... This is my blood."

M: What blessing do we receive from such eating and drinking?

C: That is shown us by these words: "Given" and "poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." Through these words we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation in this sacrament. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

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M: How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

C: It is certainly not the eating and drinking that does such things, but the words “given” and “poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words are the main thing in this sacrament, along with the eating and drinking. And whoever believes these words has what they plainly say, the forgiveness of sins.

M: Who, then, properly receives this sacrament?

C: Fasting and other outward preparations may serve a good purpose, but he is properly prepared who believes these words: “Given” and “poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But whoever does not believe these words or doubts them is not prepared, because the words “for you” require nothing but hearts that believe.

OFFERING

"The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. The one who sows generously will also reap generously. Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:6,7).

please stand

The Sacrament

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we also bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns. See p.156 in the hymnal for preparation.

PREPARATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us prepare and lift up our hearts. Do you believe that you are sinful and in need of forgiveness?

C: Yes, I believe.

M: Do you believe that in this sacrament Jesus gives you his body and blood?

C: **Yes, I believe.**

M: Do you believe, therefore, that in this sacrament you receive forgiveness of your sins, life, and salvation?

C: **Yes, I believe.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

C: **Amen.**

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

(no musical intro)



The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second staff contains the second line, and the third staff contains the third line. The lyrics are: '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.'

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.

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be seated

DISTRIBUTION

"The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a communion of the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a communion of the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Corinthians 10:16,17).

Please follow the directions of the ushers during distribution.

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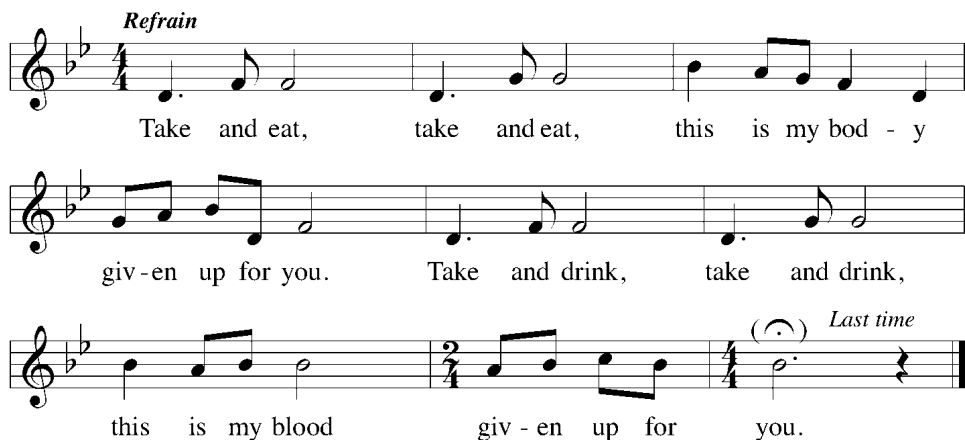
I Will Remember Thee

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Take and Eat | 741

the choir sings the verses

the congregation joins in on the refrains



Verses



1 I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
 2 I am the way that leads the ex - ile home;
 3 I am the Lamb that takes a - way your sin;
 4 I am the cor - ner - stone that God has laid,
 5 I am the Light that came in - to the world;
 6 I am the First and Last, the liv - ing One;



I am the seed that died to be re - born;
 I am the truth that sets the cap - tive free;
 I am the gate that guards you night and day.
 A chos - en stone and pre - cious in his eyes.
 I am the Light that dark - ness can - not hide;
 I am the Lord who died that you might live;



I am the bread that comes from heav'n a - bove;
 I am the life that rais - es up the dead;
 You are my flock: you know the Shep - herd's voice;
 You are God's dwell - ing place; on me you rest
 I am the Morn - ing Star that nev - er sets.
 I am the Bride-groom, this my wed - ding song.

To Refrain



I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.
 I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.
 You are my own: your ran - som is my blood.
 Like liv - ing stones, a tem - ple for God's praise.
 Lift up your face; in you my light will shine.
 You are my bride; come to the mar - riage feast.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord | 135

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1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, We cel - e -
 2 He blot - ted out with his own blood The judg - ment
 3 That this for - ev - er true shall be He gives a
 4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve That in this
 5 A pre - cious food is this in - deed— It nev - er



brate with one ac - cord; It is our com - fort
 that a - gainst us stood; He full a - tone - ment
 sol - emn guar - an - tee; In this his ho - ly
 sup - per we re - ceive His ver - y bod - y,
 fails us in our need— A heav'n - ly man - na



in dis - tress, Our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.
 for us made, And all our debt he ful - ly paid.
 sup - per here We taste his love, so sweet, so near.
 as he said, His ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.
 for our soul Un - til we safe - ly reach our goal.

6 Oh, blest is each believing guest
 Who in this promise finds his rest,
 For Jesus will in love abide
 With those who do in him confide.

8 They who his Word do not believe
 This food unworthily receive,
 Salvation here will never find—
 May we this warning keep in mind!

7 The guest that comes with true intent
 To turn to God and to repent,
 To live for Christ, to die to sin,
 Will thus a holy life begin.

9 Help us sincerely to believe
 That we may worthily receive
 Your supper and in you find rest.
 Amen! They who believe are blest.

please stand

PRAYER

M: Lord Jesus, as we face death, turn our thoughts to your body, broken for us, and your blood, spilled for us. Let us rise as you have risen from the dead, to walk with you forever in the land of the living. We call on your name as we pray the prayer you taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

C: Amen.

be seated



CLOSING HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing | 318



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our true faith con -
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing, To God ev - er -

fess - ing, The peo - ple of God from his dwell - ing take
 liv - ing, The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will

leave. The sup - per is end - ed; Oh, be now ex -
 face. Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er

tend - ed The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be -
 car - ing, Em - brac - ing his chil - dren of each tribe and

lieve. The seed of his teach - ing, Re - cep -
 race. With your feast you feed us; With your

tive souls reach - ing, Shall blos - som in ac - tion for
 light now lead us; U - nite us as one in this

God and for all. His grace did in - vite us; His
 life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing With

love shall unite us To work for God's
praise and thanks - giv - ing Give hon - or to
king - dom and his an - swer his call.
Christ and his name that we bear.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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HOLY WEEK CONTINUES AT ST. PAUL'S

Friday, April 7, @ 1:30 & 7:00 pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Service
Saturday, April 8, @ 10:00 am	Easter Egg Hunt @ St. Paul's School
Sunday, April 9, @ 6:30 am	Easter Worship
@ 7:30 am	Easter Breakfast
@ 9:00 am	Easter Worship





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