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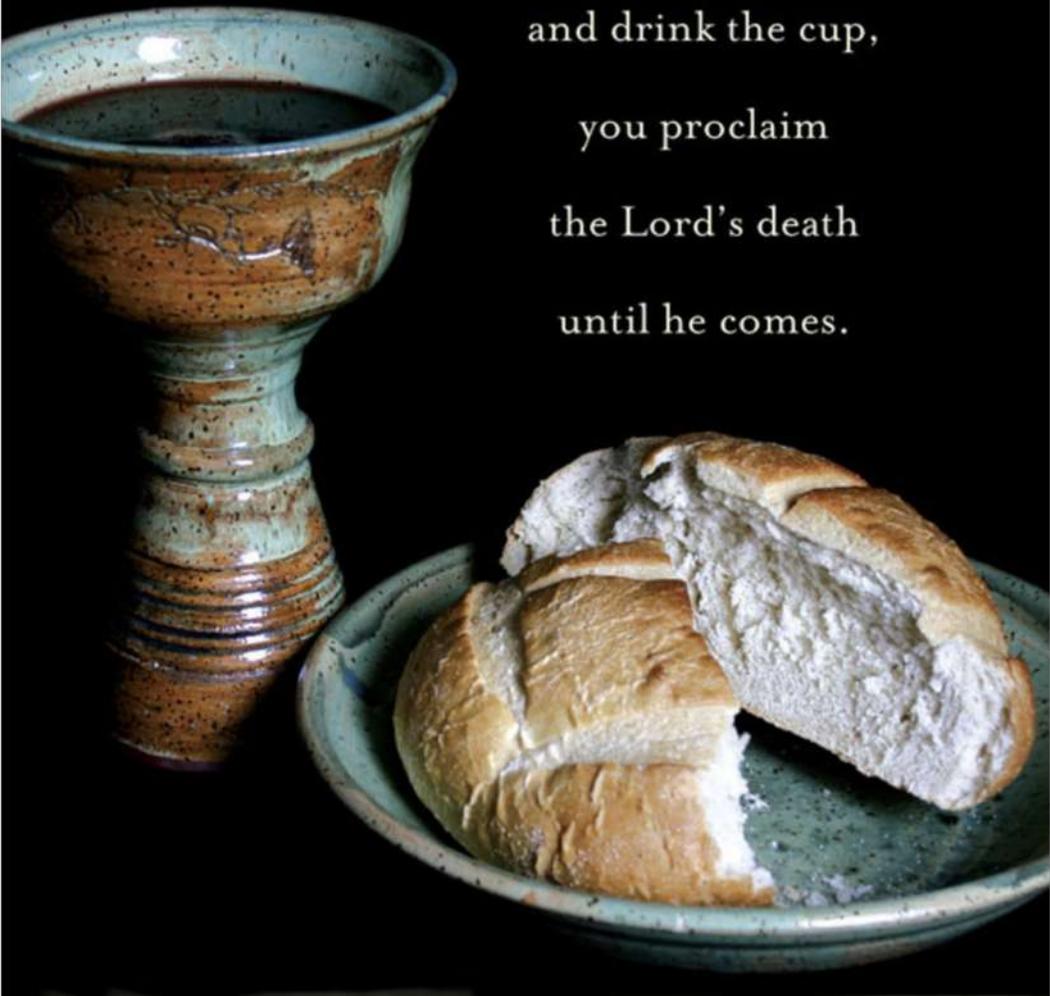
this bread

and drink the cup,

you proclaim

the Lord's death

until he comes.



—I Corinthians 11:26

**Guided to the Cross
Services for Holy week**

Maundy Thursday Guided to Service

Order of Service

Now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit. Romans 7:6

Prelude **Dr. Pattin**
(The Congregation stands)

Opening Hymn *“Go to Dark Gethsemane”* No. 347

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

C: Amen.

P: Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come.

He entered once for all into the holy places,

C: by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

P: Therefore, He is the mediator of a new covenant,

C: so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal Inheritance.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

P: Beloved in the Lord, it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, in which He strengthens our faith by giving us His body to eat and His blood to drink. It is the meal of the new covenant. Therefore, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves; but when we do, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us and by His sacrifice for us took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve. By His death, He offers us full and free forgiveness.

Let us then confess our sins to our heavenly Father, imploring Him for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto 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: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C: Amen.

P: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God’s?

C: Yes.

P: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in (+) peace.

C: Amen

(The Congregation is seated)

The Service of the Word

First Reading: A reading from , Isaiah 61:1-3

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.

P: O Lord have mercy on yus.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: A reading from 1 Corinthians 11:23–32 *(We partake of the New Covenant)*

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do

this in remembrance of me.” In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant 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.
Partaking of the Supper Unworthily

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves.

(The Congregation stands for the reading of the Gospel)

Gospel Hymn “*Son of God, Eternal Savior*” No. 655

P: The Gospel according to St. John chapter 13

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 13:3-20

And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ 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. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” ⁷ Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” ⁸ Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” ¹⁰ 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.” ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

¹² 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? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. ¹⁸ 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.’ ¹⁹ I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am he. ²⁰ Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.”

Gospel Response (Spoken)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(The Congregation is seated)

Sermon “*Meal to Meal: The Passover to the Lord’s Supper*” Pastor Rayl

Hymn “*Bread of Life from Heaven*” (verses 1-4) No. 474

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
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.

Offering

Musical Offertory

Dr. Pattin

(The Congregation stands)

Offertory Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mark 14:12–26 (*Jesus institutes the New Covenant*)

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and 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.”

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

Gospel Response (Spoken)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all, that, where death began, there life might be restored, and that he, who by a tree once overcame, might by a tree be overcome. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

C: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (prayed by all)

**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.

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

The Communion (distribution will be by continuous serving)

“All baptized Christians, believing that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's table. Infants, children and others who have not been baptized are welcome to come to receive a blessing.”

(When coming to receive Communion, please fill out a Communion registration card located in the pew rack and give it to the usher.)

(After all have communed, please stand)

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and sustain you in God's grace.

C: **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

P: Lord God, in a wonderful sacrament you have left us a memorial of your suffering and death. May this sacrament of your body and blood

so work in us that the way we live will proclaim the redemption you have brought; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction - *11:00 am Service Only*)

(Psalm 31:5; Numbers 6:24-26)

P Into your hand I commit my spirit;

C You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

(The congregation is seated) – 7:00 pm Only)

Please remain seated as the Altar will be stripped. Symbolically, Christ, stripped of His power and glory, is now in the hands of His captors. No further words are said. It is all one extended service from Maundy Thursday through Good Friday to Easter.

***The Church is left in semi-darkness and
all leave the church in silence.***

Thus, the transition is made from the celebration of Holy Communion to Jesus' crucifixion and death on Good Friday.

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Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. If you are visiting with us, please take a moment to sign the guest book in the Narthex (lobby).

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

ELDERS

11:00 am - Bob Haar, Sherrie Haar

7:00 pm - Dick Haar, Terry Ruedy

HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE

GOOD FRIDAY, April 18th

12:00 pm – Good Friday Worship

EASTER SUNDAY, April 20th

8:00 am – Early Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 am – Late Worship with Holy Communion



If I then, your Lord and teacher have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

~ John 13:14

Entry Point

The worship of these days is the celebration of our entrance into the life of Christ. We stand in the doorway, ready to enter a mystery of such depth that we need three days to take it in.

The Israelites knew about doorways. The night they left Egypt, the land of slavery, they passed through doorways marked with a lamb's blood and were never, ever the same. The disciples knew about a doorway--Jesus himself--who said, "I am the gate. I am the way." The disciples, because they knew Jesus, were changed forever. We know a doorway called baptism. When we pass through these waters, we enter a new life. Marked with the cross of Christ, we are never the same again.

With our ancestors in Egypt and in the upper room, we step tonight into the mystery of these holy days. On Maundy Thursday--*Maundy* meaning commandment--we hear again Jesus' new commandment, that we love one another even as we have been loved.

This command is spoken by the one who unbarred doorways, crossed barriers, and bridged the human and the divine. The one who knelt to wash dusty feet, who came to serve rather than be served, sets us an example. The one who crossed religious and social boundaries to dine with sinners and outcasts makes us one body in the meal we share in his name. The one who came to live precariously with us on earth, rather than remain safely in heaven, opens for us the door to eternal life.

Tonight we stand in the doorway, knowing full well what we are walking into. This is the story of the one who has crossed every boundary, unbolted every door. This is the story of a servant savior. This is the story of suffering love. This is the story of our whole Christian life. We enter into these days, and we are changed.