



*Maunderly*  
THURSDAY

# THE ORDER OF THE DIVINE SERVICE

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

### APRIL 1, 2021 - 7:00PM

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today. In May of 2020, Resurrection Lutheran Church celebrated forty-two years of ministry. Celebrating our Savior's love continues today in the faithful gathering of God's people, whether we are together in God's house or as you watch online from the comfort of your home.

## LESSONS AND LITURGY TODAY

Maundy Thursday (most likely from the Latin, *mandatum*, meaning a new commandment) or Holy Thursday begins a single service that spans three days, called the Triduum. What is begun tonight is not concluded until the Easter Vigil or the first Eucharist of Easter Sunday. This is one story told in three parts over three days. This is the story that Jesus began on Palm Sunday when He entered Jerusalem to complete all He had come to accomplish.

The Triduum starts with Passover, the last of the Passovers Jesus would celebrate and the last of the Passovers appointed by God. Things are changing. This final Passover becomes the introduction to the new covenant meal of Jesus' Body and Blood. The joy of this most sacred meal is tinged with sadness. Someone will betray Jesus---someone close to Him. But this sadness is transformed into joy because this meal points to the eternal banquet which Jesus will eat with us and all His saints in Heaven. The betrayal is for a purpose. Jesus will use the events of the next three days to end the reign of sin and death and prepare a whole new future for us, His people. This Holy Supper connects us to what Jesus did and sustains us until we are with Him in Heaven for all eternity.

As the Lutheran Church defines it, God has given two sacraments to his church. They are the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

A sacrament is a personal, tangible way God gives forgiveness and life to his people. There are three things necessary for something to be a sacrament.

- \* It must be commanded by Christ.**
- \* It must use an earthly element, some common item from this world.**
- \* It brings God's grace and forgiveness to people.**

In baptism God makes us his children, part of his own family. In Holy Communion he nourishes us in this family. Both of these sacraments convey to us the life, forgiveness and salvation which Jesus won for us on the cross. These gifts come to us for the first time in our baptism and they come to us again each time we celebrate Holy Communion.

❖ Denotes times when the congregation is invited to stand.

The congregation is encouraged to quietly and prayerfully prepare for worship during the prelude.

## PRELUDE

*For the Beauty of the Earth* – arr. P. S. Cota

Heavenly Handbells Ensemble

## WELCOME

### ❖ INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

### ❖ INTRODUCTION TO MAUNDY THURSDAY

P In this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's Call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other.

This is the struggle to which we were committed at baptism.

C **God's Forgiveness and the Power of His Spirit to amend our lives continues with us because of His Love for us in Jesus, our Savior.**

P Within the community of the church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution we receive forgiveness as if from God Himself.

This absolution we should not doubt, but firmly believe that thereby our sins are forgiven before God in Heaven, for it comes to us in the Name and by the Command of our Lord.

C **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.**

P It is, however, in the Holy Communion that the members of Christ's Body participate most intimately in His Love.

C **Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with His disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal.**

P Together we receive the Lord's Gift of Himself and participate in that New Covenant which makes us one in Him.

**C** The Lord's Supper is the promise of the Great Banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

❖ **CONFESSION OF SINS**

**P** In our sin and sinfulness we make excuses, squandering and taking for granted the Grace of God and the Banquet He so freely gives.

**C** **Most Merciful God, we confess that our very nature is sinful.  
We do not love You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.  
We do not love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**It is natural for us to make excuses when You present Your Gifts to us.  
Because of our selfishness, we deserve to be shut out of the Banquet.  
Though You are Generous in Your Love, we deserve only Your Wrath.  
Forgive us, Most Holy God.**

❖ **ABSOLUTION**

**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 unto all of you, and in the stead and by the Command of my Lord Jesus 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.**

❖ **HYMN OF PRAISE**

*O Lord, We Praise Thee*

**LSB 617**

- 1. O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish  
Our weak souls that they may flourish: O Lord, have mercy!  
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary, That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have  
mercy!**
- 2. Thy holy body into death was given,  
Life to win for us in heaven.  
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;**

**May this feast thereof remind us! O Lord, have mercy!**  
**Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee That Thy blood should bless**  
**and sustain me.**  
**All our debt Thou hast paid; Peace with God once more is made: O Lord,**  
**have mercy!**

- 3. May God bestow on us His grace and favor**  
**That we follow Christ our Savior**  
**And live together here in love and union**  
**Nor despise this blest Communion! O Lord, have mercy!**  
**Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us; Grant that heav'nly-minded He**  
**make us;**  
**Give Thy Church, Lord, to see Days of peace and unity: O Lord,**  
**have mercy!**

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❖ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with You.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Heavenly Father, though we are unworthy, You invite us to the Banquet that provides the greatest feast we have ever known.

**C** **Feed us with Your Love and Forgiveness so that, in all we do, we welcome both You and our neighbor into our hearts and lives. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT**

*Exodus 24:3-11*

When Moses went and told the people all the LORD's Words and Laws, they responded with one voice, "Everything the LORD has said we will do."  
Moses then wrote down everything the LORD had said.  
He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set

up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel.  
Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the LORD.  
Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he sprinkled on the altar.

Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people.

They responded, "We will do everything the LORD has said; we will obey."

Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said,

"This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*I Corinthians 10:16-17*

Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a communion in the Blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a communion in the Body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## ❖ HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 14:12-26*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked Him,

"Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?" So He sent two of His disciples, telling them,

"Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him.

Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks:

Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up and saw the God of Israel.

Under His Feet was something like a pavement made of sapphire, clear as the sky itself.

But God did not raise His Hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

Where is My guest room, where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?'

He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready.

Make preparations for us there."

The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve.

While they were reclining at the table eating, He said,

"I tell you the truth, one of you will betray Me--one who is eating with Me."

They were saddened, and one by one they said to Him, "Surely not I?"

It is one of the Twelve," He replied, "one who dips bread into the bowl with Me.

The Son of Man will go just as it is written about Him.

But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man!

It would be better for him if he had not been born."

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying,

"Take it; this is My Body."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, and they all drank from it.

"This is My Blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," He said to them.

"I tell you the truth, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it anew in the Kingdom of God."

When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, Lord Christ.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table*

**LSB 618**

**1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,  
For weak and weary is my soul;  
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able  
To satisfy and make me whole:**

***Refrain* Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!**

**2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning  
That sinners may salvation see  
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;  
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. Refrain.**

**3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,  
Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,  
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: Refrain.**

4 **Weary am I and heavy laden;  
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
Receive me graciously and gladden  
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. Refrain.**

5 **What higher gift can we inherit?  
It is faith's bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit,  
The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain.**

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**SERMON**

“What Does This Mean?”

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

*Mark 14:12-26*

## **RITE OF ADMISSION TO FIRST COMMUNION**

(Students and parents/sponsors please come forward)

**P** When these students were baptized, their parents and sponsors made several promises regarding their spiritual growth and training. One of those promises was to place the Scriptures in their children's hands that these young people might be prepared to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, receiving all the gifts our Lord offers there at His Table. Today we give thanks to God for the work which these parents and sponsors have done, are doing, and will continue to do to nurture their children in God's Word. Our prayer is that all of us standing here today might confess our sins and joyfully be received by God's unconditional love and mercy in Christ Jesus, that we might receive Jesus Himself and the forgiveness of our sins so freely distributed in this Sacrament of Holy Communion.

**A** **Thanks to You, O Lord, for the faithful work of parents and sponsors.**

**L** In Holy Baptism you were born into the family of God; and accepted by God as His very own. Jesus gives us this Holy Supper and invites us, His own brothers and sisters, to eat and drink His Body and Blood for the forgiveness of our sins. You have learned what Jesus has done for you and the promises He gives you in the eating of the bread and drinking of the wine. His Presence is real and His love is given to you in this holy meal. As members of God's family you are now prepared to receive the Lord's Supper.

**P** Let us pray:  
Gracious God, thank you for these young people who stand before us now. As they grow in years and in their knowledge of You, deepen their faith in Jesus, Your Son, and strengthen their trust in You by the guiding of Your Holy Spirit. Thank you for all who support, love, and encourage them as they continue in this endeavor. May the gift of Your Word and Sacraments always renew them with the knowledge of Your abiding love for them. In Jesus' name we pray.

**A** **Amen**

**P** By the authority of our Lord Jesus, I now invite our young Christian brothers and sisters to the Lord's Table to receive with us His rich love and real Presence in this sacrament. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Go with God's peace and live in joy!

**A** **Amen**

(Students and their parents/sponsors return to their seats)

## ❖ GREETING OF PEACE

All are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (*Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3*) Any gesture accompanying this greeting (wave, hand over heart with slight bow) is welcome.

## OFFERING

(The offerings of God's people will be received through electronic giving, by Postal mail, and in baskets located in the Narthex.)

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*There Is A Redeemer* – arr. P. S. Cota

Heavenly Handbells Ensemble

## ❖ OFFERTORY

LSB 159-160



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

❖ **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and all people according to their needs.

P Lord, God, You have found us, Your lost sheep, and have saved us by the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

**C For this, dear Lord, we thank and praise You.**

P You have placed Your Message of Reconciliation on our lips and put Your Healing Ministry into our hands that it might be freely shared with all people.

**C Bless all those who labor in Your Harvest that we may be filled with all boldness to give answers through both our words and our deeds for the living hope we have in Jesus.**

P Grant wisdom to all civil leaders that they may serve with justice and love peace;  
C **that Your Word may be freely proclaimed and care be given to the poor, the hungry, the homeless, and the downtrodden.**

P For all who are sick, injured, or suffering; for all who mourn; and for those who suffer with addiction, loneliness, depression, or are in any kind of need, we pray,  
C **dear Lord, grant them health and recovery. Use us as people of peace and ministers of Your Compassion among all who suffer.**

P We pray for all who gather around the Lord's Table this day, both here and in every place.  
C **Give us sincere repentance and a heart full of faith to receive Your Grace and Blessing.**

*After each portion of the prayers:*

P Lord, in Your Mercy,  
C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your Hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Mercy for the Sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
C **Amen.**

## ❖ **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.**

❖ **BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you,  
the Lord make His Face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

**LSB 922**

- 1 **Go, My children, with My Blessing, Never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.  
In My Love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.  
Go, My children, with My Blessing—You are My own.**
- 2 **Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.  
Here you heard My dear Son's story;  
Here you touched Him, saw His Glory.  
Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.**
- 3 **Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me;  
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.  
Here My Spirit's power filled you; Here His Tender Comfort stilled you.  
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.**
- 4 **I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;  
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace:  
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.**

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## STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*After the Last Supper, events in our Lord's life moved rapidly: prayer in Gethsemane, betrayal by Judas, arrest, mock trial, painful beating, the trudge to Golgotha and execution. As his life was stripped from him, so we strip our altar of the signs of life to point to His purposeful, redemptive suffering and death for us.*

### REMOVAL OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

*Psalm 27:1-4*

*(Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows Me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness." The events of Golgotha snuffed out the human life of Jesus, the light of the world. As even creation was dark when He suffered, so we extinguish our candles and remove them.)*

The LORD is my light and my salvation--  
whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life--of  
whom shall I be afraid?  
When evil men advance against me to  
devour my flesh, when my enemies and my  
foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.

Though an army besiege me, my heart will  
not fear; though war break out against me,  
even then will I be confident.  
One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what  
I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the  
LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon  
the beauty of the LORD and to seek Him  
in His temple.

### REMOVAL OF OFFERING PLATES

*2 Corinthians 8:8-9*

*(Our offerings represent one way of serving God and others. They reflect God's greatest offering to the world and to us in sending His Son, Jesus, in human form. As the offered body of Jesus was removed from sight in burial, so we remove our offerings.)*

I am not commanding you, but I want to  
test the sincerity of your love by comparing  
it with the earnestness of others.

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, that though He was rich, yet for  
your sakes He became poor, so that you  
through His poverty might become rich.

### REMOVAL OF THE ALTAR BOOKS

*Psalm 20:1-4*

*(The missal stand holds our worship books that guide our worship life together as we sing praises to God. As Jesus suffers, joyous songs are not heard. As these sounds of joy are removed from our lips, we remove the missal stand.)*

May the LORD answer you when you are  
in distress; may the name of the God of  
Jacob protect you. May He send you help  
from the sanctuary and grant you support  
from Zion.

May He remember all your sacrifices and  
accept your burnt offerings. May He give  
you the desire of your heart and make all  
your plans succeed.

## REMOVAL OF THE COMMUNION VESSELS

*Psalm 22:1-5*

*(Jesus' offered body and His shed blood have been given to us in, with, and under the form of bread and wine in this holy mystery. As He was removed from us in the grave, so we removed the elements and vessels of this Sacrament.)*

My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Why are You so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry out by day, but You do not answer, by night, and am not silent.

Yet You are enthroned as the Holy One; You are the praise of Israel. In You our fathers put their trust; they trusted and You delivered them. They cried to You and were saved; in You they trusted and were not disappointed.

## REMOVAL OF THE PARAMENTS

*Psalm 88:4-18*

*(Our altar is in the form of a table. It is here where our Lord Jesus serves us as both host and meal at his banquet feast. The coverings are made of fine linen; materials appropriate for feasting with our King. As our King's body was stripped in crucifixion, so our altar is stripped of its coverings.)*

I am counted among those who go down to the pit; I am like a man without strength. I am set apart with the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave, whom You remember no more, who are cut off from Your care. You have put me in the lowest pit, in the darkest depths. Your wrath lies heavily upon me; You have overwhelmed me with all Your waves. You have taken from me my closest friends and have made me repulsive to them. I am confined and cannot escape; my eyes are dim with grief. I call to You, O LORD, every day; I spread out my hands to You. Do You show Your wonders to the dead? Do those who are dead rise up and praise You?

Is Your love declared in the grave, Your faithfulness in Destruction? Are Your wonders known in the place of darkness, or Your righteous deeds in the land of oblivion? But I cry to You for help, O LORD; in the morning my prayer comes before You. Why, O LORD, do You reject me and hide Your face from me? From my youth I have been afflicted and close to death; I have suffered Your terrors and am in despair. Your wrath has swept over me; Your terrors have destroyed me. All day long they surround me like a flood; they have completely engulfed me. You have taken my companions and loved ones from me; the darkness is my closest friend.

❖ **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 26:30, 36-38*

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to His disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.”

And taking with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, He began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then He said to them, “My Soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with Me.”

*(After the reading, all may leave the church silently. The Holy Week devotion continues tomorrow, April 2, Good Friday, at 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm.)*

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***First Communicants 2021***

<b>Name</b>	<b>Baptismal Date</b>
<i>Brady Mathison Collins</i>	<i>8/1/2010</i>
<i>Meredith Grace Cottle</i>	<i>11/27/2010</i>
<i>Payton Elizabeth Duke</i>	<i>9/26/2010</i>
<i>Liam Colin Hayes</i>	<i>11/1/2009</i>
<i>Grace Kathleen Mitchell</i>	<i>11/11/2018</i>
<i>Lauren Juliet Orso</i>	<i>9/4/2010</i>
<i>Joshua Clayton Piontek</i>	<i>10/11/2009</i>
<i>Cole Christian Pittman</i>	<i>9/6/2009</i>
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<i>Ava June Schuller</i>	<i>2/14/2010</i>

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