



HIS FINAL STEPS

**Led to the
Upper Room**

April 7, 2023



Maundy Thursday

WELCOME, GUESTS!!! We are so glad you came! If you have any questions or would like more information about our church, any member of Grace would be happy to speak with you. Please take the time to fill out the guest register in the church's entrance. Restrooms are located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. Congregational responses are indicated by indent and boldened letters.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY

OPENING HYMN:

JESUS CHRIST, OUR BLESSED SAVIOR

#313

vs 1 – 3



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.

8 If your heart this truth professes
And your mouth your sin confesses,
Surely you will be his guest
And at his banquet ever blest.

Text: John Hus, 1369–1415; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. composite.
Tune: JESUS CHRISTUS, UNSER HEILAND, DER VON UNS (88 78) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert*,
Wittenberg, 1535, alt.

SERMON:

His Final Steps Led to the Upper Room

SERMON TEXT

MARK 14: 12 – 17

On 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?” He 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. Wherever 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?’ He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.” His disciples left and went into the city and found things just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover. When it was evening, he arrived with the Twelve.

END OF LENT

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.

HYMN:

JESUS CHRIST, OUR BLESSED SAVIOR (ON PAGE 1)

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VS 4 – 5

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

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*****

Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

Cleanse me from my sins. Release me from my guilt. Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.

Upon your confession come forward to the alter of the Lord and receive the declaration of the forgiveness of all your sins.

*****Comes forward as family units at usher's direction to receive blessing of forgiveness*****

By the authority of God and my holy office I declare to you the gracious forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

EXHORTATION

May God who has begun the good work in you perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

Amen.

Let us pray. 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.

Amen.

HYMN:

JESUS CHRIST, OUR BLESSED SAVIOR (ON PAGE 2)

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VS 6 – 8

FIRST LESSON:**EXODUS 24: 1 – 11**

Then 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. Only 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." Moses 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." Moses 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. He sent young Israelite men, who offered whole burnt offerings and sacrificed fellowship offerings of cattle to the Lord. Moses took half of the

blood and put it in bowls, and he splashed half of the blood on the altar. He 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."

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

LENTEN PSALM:

Psalm 116



Refrain
I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;*
he heard my cry for mercy.
Because he turned his ear to me,*
I will call on him as long as I live.
The LORD is gracious and righteous;*
when I was in great need, he saved me.

Refrain
For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,*
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
How can I repay the LORD*
for all his goodness to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation*
and call on the name of the LORD.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

PSALM PRAYER

Lord Jesus, as I face death, turn my thoughts to your body, broken for me, and your blood, spilled for me. Let me rise as you have risen from the dead, to walk with you forever in the land of the living. I call on your name, for you have promised to be with me.

Amen.

SECOND LESSON:

1 CORINTHIANS 11: 23 - 28

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

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

PASSION READING:

LESSON SEVEN

HYMN OF THE DAY:

#268

LAMB OF GOD, PURE AND HOLY

Agnus Dei

Stanzas 1, 2, 3

Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross did
suf - fer, Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly,
Your - self to scorn did of - fer. All sins you car - ried
for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
1 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus!
2 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus!
3 Your peace be with us, O Je - sus!

Text: Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485–after 1546; tr. composite.

Tune: O LAMM GOTTES, UNSCHULDIG (77 77 778) Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485–after 1546.

OFFERING – Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 9: 7: “Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.” This service is our gift to our guests; should you feel obliged to give, we thank you for your generosity.

THE GREAT LITANY

*****Please Stand*****

PRAYER OF APPROACH TO GOD

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| O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, | Have mercy on us. |
| O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, | Have mercy on us. |
| O God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide, | Have mercy on us. |
| Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons in one God, | Have mercy on us. |

PRAYER OF DELIVERANCE

Lord Jesus Christ remember not our offenses nor the offenses of our forebears. Spare us, good Lord; spare your people, whom you have redeemed with your precious blood.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all spiritual blindness; from pride, vain glory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all lack of charity,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all deadly sin and from the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart and contempt for your Word and your will,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From earthquake and tempest; from drought, fire, and flood; from civil strife and violence; from war and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

PRAYER OF RECALLING CHRIST'S SAVING WORK

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your baptism, fasting, and temptation; and by your proclamation of the kingdom,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By your bloody sweat and bitter grief, by your cross and suffering, and by your precious death and burial,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection, by your glorious ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Spirit,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In our times of trouble, in our times of prosperity, in the hour of death, and on the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

Receive our prayers, O Lord our God.

Hear us, good Lord.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Govern and direct your holy Church, fill it with love and truth, and grant it unity which is according to your will.

Hear us, good Lord.

Enlighten all ministers with true knowledge and understanding of your Word, that by their preaching and living they may clearly declare it and show its truth.

Hear us, good Lord.

Encourage and prosper your servants who spread the gospel in all the world and send out laborers into the harvest.

Hear us, good Lord.

Bless and keep your people, that all may find and follow their true vocation and ministry.

Hear us, good Lord.

Give us hearts to love and revere you, that we may diligently live according to your commandments.

Hear us, good Lord.

To all your people, give grace to hear and receive your Word and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit.

Hear us, good Lord.

Strengthen those who stand firm in the faith, encourage the fainthearted, raise up those who fall, and finally give us the victory.

Hear us, good Lord.

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Rule the hearts of your servants, *the president of the United States*, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth.

Hear us, good Lord.

Bless and defend all who strive for our safety and protection and shield them in all dangers and adversities.

Hear us, good Lord.

Grant wisdom and insight to those who govern us and to judges the grace to execute justice with mercy.

Hear us, good Lord.

PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE

To all nations grant unity, peace, and concord, and to all people give clothing, food, and shelter.

Hear us, good Lord.

Grant us abundant harvests, strength and skill to conserve the resources of the earth, and wisdom to use them well.

Hear us, good Lord.

Enlighten with your Spirit all who teach and all who learn.

Hear us, good Lord.

Come to the help of all who are in danger, necessity, and trouble; protect all who travel by land, air, or water; and show your pity on all prisoners and captives.

Hear us, good Lord.

Strengthen and preserve all women who are in childbirth and all young children, and comfort the aged, the bereaved, and the lonely.

Hear us, good Lord.

Defend and provide for the widowed and the orphaned, the refugees and the homeless, the unemployed, and all who are desolate and oppressed.

Hear us, good Lord.

Heal those who are sick in body or mind, and give skill and compassion to all who care for them.

Hear us, good Lord.

Grant us true repentance, forgive our sins, and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your Holy Word.

Hear us, good Lord.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Son of God, we ask you to hear us.

Son of God, we ask you to hear us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Grant us peace.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

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.

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you, and you have promised through your beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his name, you will be with them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth and in the ages to come, life everlasting.

Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.



C: It is good and right so to do.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



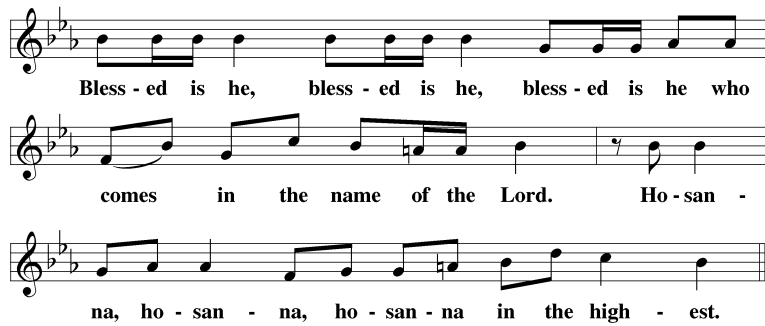
C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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."

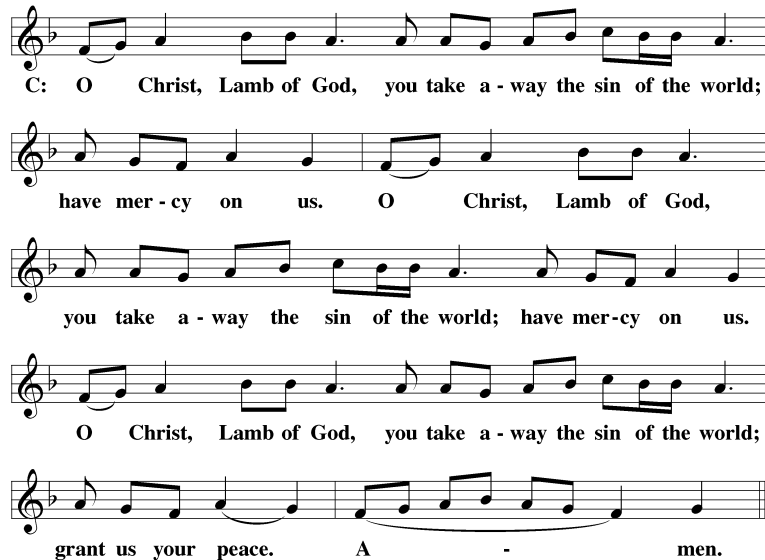
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."



The peace of the Lord be with you always.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



****Please Be Seated****

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION – Please come forward at the direction of our usher. We do practice close communion according to Paul’s guidance in 1 Corinthians 11:27: “For if anyone eats and drinks in an unworthy manner because he does not recognize the Lord’s body, he eats and drinks judgment upon himself.” Therefore, if you are not a member of the ELS or WELS, please talk to Pastor Emmons before communing. Thank you for respecting our practices.

*****Please Stand*****

SONG OF SIMEON

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTER

*****Please join in singing the first two verses, during the final verses the communion ware**
and paraments will be removed.***

HYMN

THE LAMB

#714

Vs 1, 2

First Verse

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where’s the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

Refrain

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!
The Lamb is reigning on his throne.

Second Verse

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heav’n his praise to sing.

Refrain

During the final hymn, the altar is solemnly stripped in token of the Lord’s abandonment by his disciples and in preparation for Good Friday.

*****Please remain for prayer and meditation; when you are ready please depart quietly.*****

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements – Please take note of these announcements as tomorrow’s service folder will have no announcements.

Easter Lilies – Thank you, everyone, who signed up for Easter Lilies. You could still bring one if you missed signing up to bring them. All lilies need to be at church by April 8 when setting up the church (from 4 – 5:00 pm.) If that does not work, you can still bring them on Easter morning. Once again, thank you, Grace family.

Lenten Services –Tomorrow—Good Friday April 7 at 7:00 pm—we remember in solace when our Lord was hung on the cross for all our sins. This Good Friday service will be a Service of Darkness as we hear Jesus’ seven last words from the cross when you return on Friday please enter in silence. Friday, we will leave in darkness and silence.

Easter Service - Easter will be at the standard service time; however, there will be no Sunday School or communion. Communion will be offered on Maundy Thursday.

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