

Maundy Thursday
Messiah Lutheran Church

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

ALL GATHERED: AMEN

P: The Lord be with you.

ALL GATHERED: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

P: Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: To love one another as he had loved them. By your Holy Spirit write this commandment in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL GATHERED: AMEN

GATHERING HYMN – “LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER ON OUR KNEES” #212 (PAGES 3-4)

JOHN 13:1-17, 34-35

P: 1 Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

C: 2 The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper 3 Jesus, 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.

P: 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."

C: 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."

P: 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.

C: 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.

P: 34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

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, EAT, this is my body given for you. DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.”

Let us pray. Lord, Jesus Christ, we give thanks to you for the gifts you have provided for our table this morning. May they nourish our bodies and sustain us in your service that we may have strength to walk in your ways according to your will revealed to us in your Holy Word. Should we not be filled by the food we share and our stomachs growl, may we remember those who have no food this day. May we so hunger for your righteousness that we repent our greed that we may share the benefits you in your unbounded grace have bestowed upon us. We give you thanks for this loaf of bread in which and through which you have promised to give yourself to us. We praise you with the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven and pray:

ALL GATHERED: COME, JESUS, COME.

The Pastor breaks the loaf and begins the distribution. **“The Body of Christ given for you.”**

All gathered now share the bread with one another giving it to their neighbor with the same words.

After eating, the worship continues.

P: And 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 IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.”**

The Pastor passes the cup of blessing. **“THE BLOOD OF CHRIST SHED FOR YOUR SINS.”**

All gathered now share the cup with one another giving it to their neighbor with the same words.

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep your hearts and your minds unto life everlasting.

ALL GATHERED: AMEN

SENDING HYMN: - "What Wondrous Love Is This?" #385 (PAGE 6)

P: The Lord be with you.

ALL GATHERED: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

P: Bless we the Lord

ALL GATHERED: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Those who have time available may now proceed upstairs for the stripping of the altar. The altar is stripped for Good Friday reminding of the emptiness of life without Christ. The stark emptiness stands in direct opposition to the exuberant celebration of a living Christ whose resurrection proclaims His victory over death.

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Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;

Chords: Eb, Cm, Bb7, Eb, Ab

Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.

Chords: Eb, Cm, F7, Bb

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing

Chords: Eb, Bbm6, C7, Fm

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Chords: Bb7, Eb, Ab, Bb, Eb

HOLY COMMUNION

3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

Let us praise God to-geth - er on our knees.

Refrain
When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

*Text: Negro spiritual
Tune: Negro spiritual*

BREAK BREAD TOGETHER
10 10 with refrain

What Wondrous Love Is This

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G Dm C Am C Dm F Em Dm

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And

Am Am7 F Em Dm Dm7 G Am Am7 Dm G

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll

Am Bbmaj7 C Dm G Dm C F Em

caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
 neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 is the great I Am, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
 sing his love for me, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

Dm G Em Dm Am Am7 F Em Dm

soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: American folk hymn, alt.
 Tune: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

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