



Maundy Thursday

April 9, 2020

5:00pm & 7:00pm

**“Take, eat; this is my body...this
is my blood of the covenant, which
is poured out for many for the
forgiveness of sins.”**

Matthew 26:27-28

Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church!

We greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshiping with our family of faith and rejoice with you as God comes to us through His Word this day to bring His gift of forgiveness & life in Jesus.



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AS WE GATHER

EYES ON JESUS: MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE

This Lent, we have been using the metaphor of eyesight to examine how the various people in Mark's Gospel viewed Jesus during His Passion. In most cases, they misunderstood who He was and what He was doing; then again, sometimes by faith people did recognize Him correctly.

As we conclude these forty days of Lent, looking within ourselves as people of faith in our day, we again ask how we are like or unlike the people who saw Jesus in the flesh. Most important, as we gather for worship, we see again what Jesus has done to save us from our sins by His holy, precious blood and innocent suffering and death.

It is difficult for us to look through the eyes of the disciples when they were celebrating Passover, but it was within that context that Jesus pronounced the bread and wine to be His body and blood. Today, it is within the liturgy of the Lord's Supper that our Lord's words call us to recognize more than meets our physical eyes. What do we perceive?

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR on Maundy Thursday is a highly vivid and dramatic way of showing the desolation and abandonment our Lord experienced on that long night in Gethsemane. This practice dates from the seventh century and began for the utilitarian purpose of cleaning and washing the church in preparation for Easter. But the stark, bare church reflected so clearly the fitting tone of the occasion that the stripping became an evocative ceremony in its own right. As candlesticks, missal stands, altar cloths, banners and all other sanctuary furnishings are quietly removed from the sanctuary; the visual aspect of the sanctuary is changed and remains stark and tomb-like until Easter morning. During worship this evening, the stripping of the altar will take place progressively throughout the service, symbolizing the growing loneliness experienced by Jesus as the hour grew closer to His crucifixion.

PRELUDE

Glory Be to Jesus

John A. Behnke

ANTHEM

In Christ Alone

Keith Gerry & Stuart Townsend

Fred Gruhn, Soloist

Stand

INVOCATION

(The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of your Baptism.)

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b

C Amen.

PART 1: Jesus Washes the Feet of the Disciples

Luke 22 and John 13

Luke 22:7-13

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." ⁹They said to Him, "Where will You have us prepare it?" ¹⁰He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters ¹¹and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?' ¹²And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." ¹³And they went and found it just as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

¹Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹²When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

³¹Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³²If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' ³⁴A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

HYMN

Jesus, Greatest at the Table

LSB 446

- 1 Jesus, greatest at the table,
The almighty Son of Man,
Laid aside His outer clothing,
Poured some water in a pan;
As the Twelve lay, hushed in silence,
He the servant's task began.
- 2 Marvel how their Lord and teacher
Gently taught them not to vie
As He humbly knelt before them,
Dusty feet to wash and dry,
By His tender touch expressing
True compassion from on high.
- 3 Jesus took the role of servant
When upon that gruesome span,
For all human sin He suffered
As a vile and loathsome man;
On the cross poured out like water
To fulfill the Father's plan.
- 4 Can we fathom such deep mercy?
Do we see what God has done?
Who can grasp this great reversal:
Love that gives His only Son?
Christ, the sinless for the sinners,
For the many dies the One.
- 5 Jesus gave to His disciples
A commandment that was new:
"Show My love to one another,
Do as I have done for you;
All the world will know you love Me
As you love each other too."

The flowers and plants are removed.

Jesus knew His betrayer and what lay ahead. As His life was stripped from Him, so we strip our altar of the signs of life to symbolize His purposeful, redemptive suffering and death for us.

Stand

PART 2: The Upper Room – The Lord’s Supper

Matthew 26 and John 13

Matthew 26:21-25

²¹And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” ²²And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” ²³He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. ²⁴The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” ²⁵Judas, who would betray him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.”

John 13:26b-30

²⁶“So when [Jesus] had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “What you are going to do, do quickly.” ²⁸Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. ²⁹Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the feast,” or that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

Matthew 26:26-30

²⁶Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” ²⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.” ³⁰And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God!**

Sit

HYMN

When You Woke That Thursday Morning

LSB 445

- 1** **When You woke that Thursday morning,
Savior, teacher, faithful friend,
Thoughts of self and safety scorning,
Knowing how the day would end;
Lamb of God, foretold for ages,
Now at last the hour had come
When but One could pay sin’s wages:
You assumed their dreadful sum.**

- 2 Never so alone and lonely,
 Longing with tormented heart
 To be with Your dear ones only
 For a quiet hour apart:
 Sinless Lamb and fallen creature,
 One last paschal meal to eat,
 One last lesson as their teacher,
 Washing Your disciples' feet.
- 3 What was there that You could give them
 That would never be outspent,
 What great gift that would outlive them,
 What last will and testament?
 "Show Me and the world you love Me,
 Know Me as the Lamb of God:
 Do this in remembrance of Me,
 Eat this body, drink this blood."
- 4 One in faith, in love united,
 All one body, You the head,
 When we meet, by You invited,
 You are with us, as You said.
 One with You and one another
 In a unity sublime,
 See in us Your sister, brother,
 One in ev'ry place and time.
- 5 One day all the Church will capture
 That bright vision glorious,
 And Your saints will know the rapture
 That Your heart desired for us,
 When the longed-for peace and union
 Of the Greatest and the least
 Meet in joyous, blest communion
 In Your never-ending feast.

Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Based on Psalm 51

- P** Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;
C according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- P** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
C For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

P Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight,
C **Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.**

P Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
C **wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

P Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
C **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

P Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
C **Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

P During this Lenten season, we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that prevents us from trusting in God and loving each other.

When we examine our hearts and consciences, 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. For our benefit, He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

(Silence to confess those sins we know and feel in our hearts)

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

C **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Sit

The candles are extinguished and removed.

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, so we extinguish our candles and remove them.

HYMN

Our Eyes Behold The Savior's Face

Lisa Clark



1 Our eyes be - hold the Sav - ior's face And
2 Our fo - cus flits and fails to see The
3 Our sights train on the dread - ful cross. Be -
4 Our vi - sion blurs with anx - ious tears As
5 Our view scans for the com - ing Day That



yet can - not per - ceive That His per - spec - tive
One whose stead - fast gaze Pro - pelled Him to the
neath His know - ing eyes, Our sins are bare and
Je - sus' eye - lids fall To con - quer sin and
ev - er - more grows near, When Je - sus wipes our



held our grace Be - fore we could be - lieve.
dark - ened tree En - vel - oped in death's haze.
set for loss; He sees us as His prize.
all our fears And tear in two our pall.
tears a - way And all is crys - tal clear.

THE SERMON

More than Meets the Eye

Mark 14:22-25

Pastor Joel Schultz

Stand

Part 3: Jesus In The Garden of Gethsemane

Matthew 26:31-46

³¹Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' ³²But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." ³³Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." ³⁴Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." ³⁵Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!" And all the disciples said the same.

³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." ³⁷And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." ³⁹And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." ⁴⁰And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? ⁴¹Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ⁴²Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." ⁴³And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. ⁴⁵Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Sit

HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane

LSB 436 vv. 1-3

- 1 **Go to dark Gethsemane,
All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see,
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

- 2 **Follow to the judgment hall,
View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
Learn from Him to bear the cross.**

- 3 **Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear Him cry;
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." ⁴⁹And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. ⁵⁰Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. ⁵¹And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁵²Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?" ⁵⁵At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. ⁵⁶But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response after each petition:

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

LSB 780

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
 When I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O
 Lord, hear my prayer; Come and lis - ten to me.

P Father, on the night when He was betrayed, Christ Jesus humbled Himself to stoop down and bathe His disciples' feet. May each of us fervently desire to embody this attitude of service and kindness to all that the love of Christ may abound through all our speech and actions. Lord in Your mercy:

C *Sing as above.*

P On this night, Christ prayed that His disciples would be one in faith. Sustain our unity in confession and doctrine that the Church may stand as a beacon of Your eternal truth. Lord in Your mercy:

C *Sing as above.*

P On this night, Jesus prayed for those who would hear His disciples' proclamation, that all would come to know that the Father had sent Him into the world to be the Light of the

world. Just as Christ encouraged others to boldly proclaim the message of salvation, so also hear our prayer. Lord in Your mercy:

C *Sing as above.*

P On this night, our Lord keeps us mindful that the Father's love was sufficient for His only-begotten Son and for all disciples. Even in the midst of that love, Christ Jesus, our Lamb without defect, ultimately suffered complete and utter rejection, pain and death. By Your Holy Word, confirm in our hearts the secure knowledge of Your enormous, unchanging love for us. Lord in Your mercy:

C *Sing as above.*

P On this night, Christ acknowledged the world's hatred and persecution of those who confess Him as Lord and Savior. Heavenly Father, fix our eyes constantly on Jesus, that we may remain steadfast in the midst of strife and harassment. Lord in Your mercy:

C *Sing as above.*

P On this night, we give thanks that our Lord Jesus has come to us in the bread and wine of Holy Communion giving forgiveness, life, and salvation and strengthening our faith to trust in Him and serve in His kingdom. Help us to live godly lives and boldly resound with the one true confession of faith with the whole company of saints, in heaven and on earth; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

C *Sing as above.*

PART 5: Jesus before Caiaphas and the Council

Matthew 26:57-68

⁵⁷Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. ⁵⁹Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'" ⁶²And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" ⁶³But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." ⁶⁴Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." ⁶⁵Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death." ⁶⁷Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, ⁶⁸saying, "Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Sit

The offerings, missal stand, and service books are removed.

Our offerings represent one way of worshiping God and serving 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.

The missal stand holds the 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.

Stand

Part 6: Peter Denies Jesus

Matthew 26:69-75

⁶⁹Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." ⁷⁰But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you mean." ⁷¹And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." ⁷²And again he denied it with an oath: "I do not know the man." ⁷³After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you." ⁷⁴Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately the rooster crowed. ⁷⁵And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Sit

HANDBELL SOLO

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Kastner

Lauran Delancy

The altar cloths and Paraments are removed.

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 and Paraments are made of fine linen and brocade; materials appropriate for feasting with our King. As our King's body was stripped in crucifixion, so our altar is stripped of its coverings.

PSALM 22

*(This Psalm is a prophecy of Jesus' crucifixion and death.
The Psalm is chanted as the stripping of the altar is finished.)*

The Benediction is omitted as our service continues on Good Friday and Holy Saturday

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