



# Trinity Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday – “At the King’s Table”

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## Introduction

**Song:** “For What it’s Worth”

## Invocation:

**P:** Let us worship together in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**Special Music:** “Thorn and Thistle”

## God’s Word: Exodus 24:3-11

Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, “All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do.” <sup>4</sup>And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. He rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and set up twelve pillars, corresponding to the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup>He sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed oxen as offerings of well-being to the Lord. <sup>6</sup>Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he dashed against the altar. <sup>7</sup>Then he took the book of the covenant, and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, “All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.” <sup>8</sup>Moses took the blood and dashed it on the people, and said, “See the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. Under his feet there was something like a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>God did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; also they beheld God, and they ate and drank.

## Voices 1

## God’s Word: Hebrews 9:11-17

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), <sup>12</sup>he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup>For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, <sup>14</sup>how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

<sup>15</sup>For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant. <sup>16</sup>Where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. <sup>17</sup>For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive.

## Voices 2

**Hymn:** “Lamb of God”

Offering will be received at this time

## Holy Gospel: Matthew 26:17-30

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>18</sup>He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" <sup>19</sup>So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. <sup>20</sup>When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; <sup>21</sup>and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." <sup>22</sup>And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" <sup>23</sup>He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup>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." <sup>25</sup>Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so." <sup>26</sup>While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." <sup>27</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." <sup>30</sup>When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

## Message

Video: "The Last Supper"

**\*Confession of Sin and Forgiveness:** (Based on Psalm 51; Psalm 103 & Luther's Small Catechism – Confession)

**P:** Are you prepared to make your confession?

**C:** I am.

**P:** Gracious God, merciful Father,

**C:** **I come this night to confess my sins, both the things I have done, and the things I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart, nor have I loved my neighbour as myself. I am a sinner by nature and in thought, word and deed. I am sorry for my sin and ask Your mercy upon me.**

**P:** *"You desire truth in the inward being, therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."*

**C:** ***"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me... Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit."*** (silence)

**P:** Do you believe that the words I speak to you come from God Himself?

**C:** **Yes, I believe.**

**P:** God is merciful and blesses you. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C:** ***"The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness... as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us."***

**All:** ***Thanks be to God. Amen.***

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

### Words of Institution

**Communion Hymns:** "I Come O Savior to Your Table"  
"Come Unto Jesus"

### Post Communion Prayer

### Lord's Prayer:

## Special Music:

“Gethsemane” ( stripping of the altar)

## Stripping of the Altar:

*On Maundy Thursday our worship concludes with the ‘Stripping of the Altar’, done by the women of the Church. Why is this done?*

*The removal of all ornaments, linens, etc. is an ancient custom of the Christian Church. It is symbolic of the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the soldiers. As Jesus’ life was stripped from Him, so we strip our altar of the signs of life – colour, flame, beauty, to symbolize the stark darkness of death and acknowledge our Lord’s humiliation and suffering for sinners. The altar remains bare until Easter morn when Christ’s triumph over sin, death and Satan are celebrated and life springs forth, now and forever!*

*Ritual and ceremony can be very important to us on our faith walk with Christ but let us never take our eyes off Jesus Christ, the author and perfecter of our faith. “This is eternal life,” says Jesus, “that they may know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.” (John 17:3)*

(We invite people to leave quietly as they are ready. If you wish to remain in the Sanctuary to pray, please do.).

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