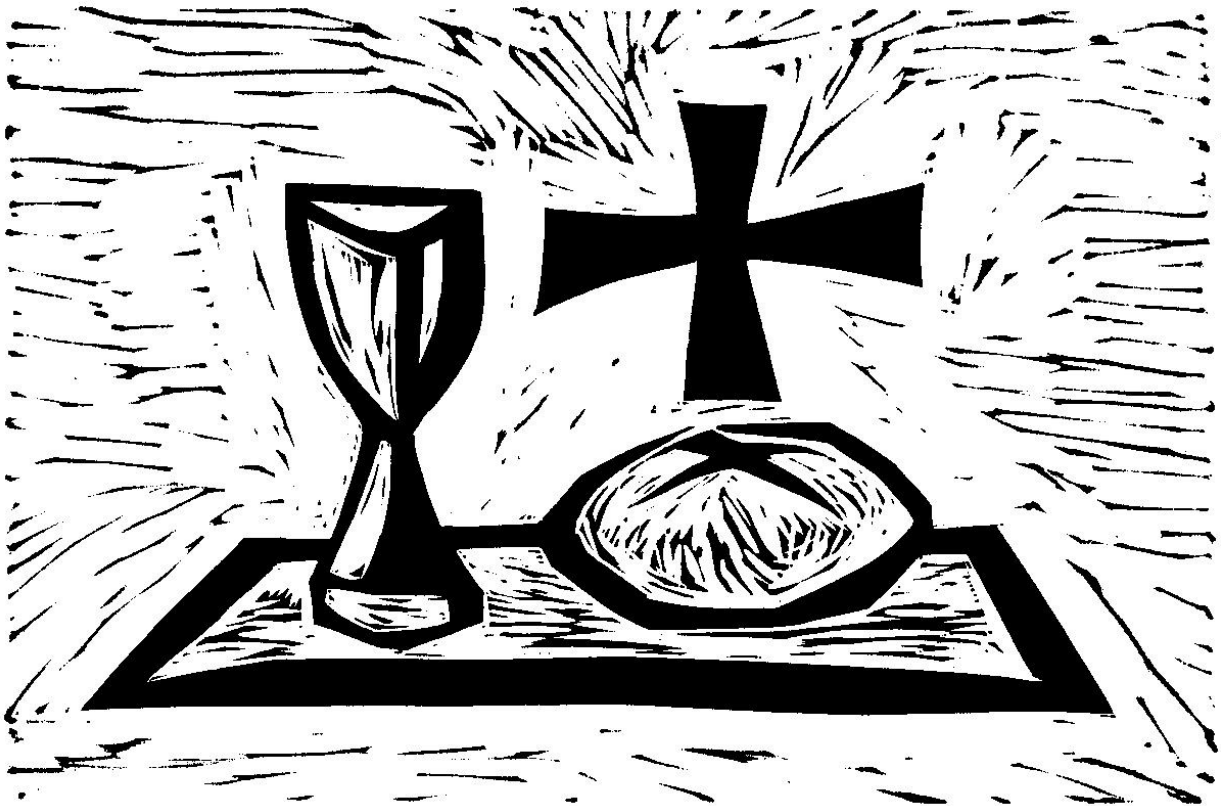


MAUNDY THURSDAY COMPLINE



APRIL 6, 2023 AT 7PM
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

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PRELUDE

BIBLE: Matthew 26:14-16 (Judas and the Pharisees)

¹⁴One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

OPENING LITANY

Almighty God grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

Amen.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

to herald your love in the morning,

your truth at the close of the day.

By day, O God,

you grant your steadfast love,

and at night your song is with me,

a prayer to the God of my life.

OPENING HYMN ELW 565: "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night"

- 1 All praise to thee, my God, this night for all the blessings of the light.
Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings, beneath thine own almighty wings.
- 2 Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son, the ill that I this day have done;
that with the world, myself, and thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
- 3 Teach me to live, that I may dread the grave as little as my bed.
Teach me to die, that so I may rise glorious at the awesome day.
- 4 Oh, may my soul in thee repose, and may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,
sleep that shall me more vig'rous make to serve my God when I awake!
- 5 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

BIBLE: Matthew 26:17-29 (The Last Supper)

¹⁷On 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?" ¹⁸He 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.'" ¹⁹So the disciples did as Jesus had

directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

²⁰When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; ²¹and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." ²²And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" ²³He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴The 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." ²⁵Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

²⁶While 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." ²⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from 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 never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

...We remember our Lord in the Bread, the Wine, and the prayer that he taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

If you are a baptized follower of Christ, you are welcome to partake in communion with us. At this service we commune by intinction: simply take the piece of flatbread and dip it into the chalice of wine. Eat this bread and drink this wine knowing that your sins are forgiven, that God unconditionally loves you, and that you have been bought with a price. If you are choosing to not commune today, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION ELW 471: "Let Us Break Bread Together"

1 Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*

3 Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

BIBLE: Matthew 26:30-42 (Prayers in The Garden)

³⁰When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

³¹Then Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters 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 ahead of you to Galilee." ³³Peter said to him, "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you." ³⁴Jesus said to him, "Truly

I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." ³⁵Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.

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." ³⁷He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. ³⁸Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." ³⁹And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." ⁴⁰Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? ⁴¹Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ⁴²Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

PRAYERS

Let us pray with Jesus:

**Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;
that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.**

Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in you.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping.

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping.

Be our light in the darkness, O God, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;

for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work or watch or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, comfort the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping.

Eternal God, the hours both of day and night are yours, and to you the darkness is no threat. Be present, we pray, with those who labor in these hours of night, especially those who watch and work on behalf of others. Grant them diligence in their watching, faithfulness in their service, courage in danger, and competence in emergencies. Help them to meet the needs of others with confidence and compassion.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the day, especially for the good we were permitted to give and to receive; the day is now past and we commit it to you. We entrust to you the night, for you are our help, and you neither slumber nor sleep.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace. Amen

BIBLE: Matthew 26:43-50, 56b (Jesus Is Arrested)

⁴³Again 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. ⁴⁵Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large 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; arrest him." ⁴⁹At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. ⁵⁰Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. ^{56b} Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

HYMN ELW 347, v.1-2: "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

- 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 suffering, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

BIBLE: Matthew 26:57-75 (Peter Denies Jesus)

⁵⁷Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. ⁵⁹Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so 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 fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'" ⁶²The high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" ⁶³But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, 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 clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶What is your verdict?" They

answered, "He deserves death." ⁶⁷Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, ⁶⁸saying, "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"

⁶⁹Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." ⁷⁰But he denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." ⁷¹When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." ⁷²Again 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 are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." ⁷⁴Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!" At that moment the cock crowed. ⁷⁵Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly keeps silence for self-examination.

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

**Almighty and merciful God grant you healing, pardon,
and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.**

The assembly makes confession:

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before the whole company of heaven,
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that I have sinned by my own fault
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STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR (PSALM 22)

DISMISSAL

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth,

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace – your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

Tonight, I will lie down and sleep in your watch;

you alone, O God, make me secure.

Let us follow Christ through this night

and awake in the morning light near our Lord.

We leave the worship space in silence

HOLY WEEK @STJOHNSERIE

<p>April 2nd</p>  <p>PALM SUNDAY</p> <p>8am Contemp. 10am Trad.</p>	 <p>MAUNDY THURSDAY</p> <p>7pm</p>	<p>GOOD FRIDAY</p>  <p>Noon & 7pm</p>	 <p>HOLY SATURDAY</p> <p>5pm</p>	<p>April 9th</p> <p><i>easter</i></p> <p>SUNDAY</p>  <p>6:50am Sunrise 10am Traditional</p>
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Monday-Thursday 9:00am - 2:00pm

*** Church Office Will be closed Easter Monday ***

Come and Worship With Us...

Holy Week

Friday, April 7th —
Good Friday Worship (noon & 7pm)

Saturday, April 8th —
Holy Saturday Worship (5pm)

Sunday, April 9th —
Easter Sunday Worship
(6:50am Sunrise & 10am Traditional)

SENIOR PASTOR

Erik Young

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Kathy Swanson
Michelle Flaherty

CHURCH SECRETARY

Rachel Tilburg

CHURCH SEXTON

Joe Gonzalez

Regular Weekly Worship

Saturday at 5pm
Sunday at 8am & 10am

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