



"Praying at Gethsemane"

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# Maundy Thursday

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

April 17, 2025

Half after seven o'clock

PRELUDE

I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ

J.S. Bach

*Welcome! Please record your presence with us this evening  
in the red folders in the pew or in the virtual sign-in link on the website.*

*Please enjoy the prelude as a time of silent preparation for worship.  
Please turn off cell phones and electronic devices.*

*Virtual worshipers are invited to prepare bread and juice  
so that you may participate and join the congregation in communion.*

CHORAL INTROIT

A New Commandment

Shephard

*A new commandment I give unto you: that you love one another as I have loved you.  
By this shall all know that you are my disciples if you have love, if you have love for  
one another.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Robert Ater

Leader: Jesus said:

*"I give you a new commandment,  
that you love one another."*

People: Just as Christ has loved us,  
let us love one another.

Leader: *This is the night, dear friends  
when Christ, the Passover lamb,  
surrendered himself to those who would kill him,  
setting us free from sin and death forever.*

People: This is the night,  
when Christ, our dear teacher and Lord,  
offered a lesson on humility and peace,  
showing us how to love and serve one another.

All: This is the night,  
when Christ, the bread of heaven,  
shared a holy meal with his followers,  
offering a feast of abundant life and grace for all.

\* HYMN 494 (vs. 1-4) Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Quebec

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\* Stand as you are able.

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Randall Bush

*Leader: Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to Thy steadfast love;*

People: According to Thy abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.

*Leader: For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against Thee have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in Thy sight.*

People: Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and steadfast spirit within me.

*Leader: Cast me not away from Thy presence,  
and take not Thy holy spirit from me.*

*Psalm 51*

All: Merciful God, Your faith in us shames our  
ambivalent loyalties and our wavering trust.  
We confess our failures in discipleship:  
we have betrayed the Christ because he did not suit  
our purposes or meet our needs;  
we have denied the Christ because he threatened  
our security and demanded too much risk;  
we have abandoned the Christ because his suffering  
was more than we would share.  
Lead us once more to Your table and nourish us in  
Your grace, so that, forgiven and renewed,  
we will live to the glory of the One  
who lived and died for us.  
Lord have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

\* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Teresa Larson

\* THE PEACE

*Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ,  
let us forgive one another.*

All: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.

\* RESPONSE (the congregation sings)

O Jesus, ever with us stay,  
Make all our moments calm and bright;  
O chase the night of sin away,  
Shed o'er the world thy holy light.



welcoming the stranger,  
he was always the guest.

*Leader: But here, at this table,  
he is the host.*

**People:** Those who wish to serve him  
must first be served by him,  
those who want to follow him  
must first be fed by him.

*Leader: For this is the table  
where God intends us to be nourished;  
this is the time when Christ can make us new.  
So come, you who hunger and thirst  
for a deeper faith,  
for a better life,  
for a fairer world.  
Jesus Christ, who has sat at our tables,  
now invites us to be guests at his.  
What we do here,  
we do in imitation of what Christ first did.*

**People:** To his followers in every age,  
Jesus gave an example and command  
rooted in the experience he shared  
with his disciples  
in an upstairs room in Jerusalem.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

Dr. Bush, Rev. Larson

*Leader: The Lord be with you.*

**People:** And also with you.

*Leader: Lift up your hearts.*

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

*Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Leader: It is indeed right, for You made us,  
and before us, You made the world we inhabit,  
and before the world, You made the eternal home  
in which, through Christ, we have a place.*

**People:** All that is spectacular, all that is plain  
have their origin in You;  
all that is lovely, all who are loving  
point to You as their fulfillment.

*Leader: And grateful as we are for the world we know  
and the universe beyond our ken,  
we particularly praise You,  
whom eternity cannot contain,  
for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus.*

**People:** For his life which informs our living,  
for his compassion which changes our hearts,  
for his clear speaking  
which contradicts our harmless generalities,  
for his disturbing presence,  
his innocent suffering,  
his fearless dying,  
his rising to life breathing forgiveness,  
we praise you and worship him.

*Leader: Here too our gratitude rises  
for the promise of the Holy Spirit,  
who even yet, even now,  
confronts us with your claims  
and attracts us to your goodness.  
Therefore we gladly join our voices  
to the song of the Church  
on earth and in heaven:*

**SANCTUS** (all sing)

*Tune: Quebec*

Holy our Lord, our God of might,  
Heaven and earth with glory bright;  
Hosanna in the highest sing  
To him who our salvation brings.

*Leader: And now, lest we believe  
that our praise alone fulfils your purpose,  
we fall silent and remember him who came  
because words weren't enough.*

**People:** Setting our wisdom,  
our will,  
our words aside,  
emptying our hearts,  
and bringing nothing in our hands,  
we yearn for the healing,  
for the holding,

the accepting,  
the forgiving  
which Christ alone can offer.

*Leader: Merciful God, send now, in kindness,  
Your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine  
and fill them with the fullness of Jesus.  
And let that same Spirit rest on us,  
converting us from the patterns of this passing world,  
until we are transformed to the shape of the One  
whose food we now share.*

*All: Amen.*

*Adapted from the Liturgy for Holy Communion  
from the Iona Community in Scotland*

LUKE 22:19                      THE BREAKING OF BREAD                      (NT 86)  
*"This is my body ..."*

LUKE 22:20-23                      THE BLESSING OF THE CUP                      (NT 86)  
*"This cup ... is the new covenant ..."*

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All persons, regardless of age or denomination, are invited to the Table.*

*It is our practice to serve unfermented wine.*

*Gluten-free bread is at the center of each tray.*

*Come down the center aisle in two lines.*

*Take the bread, dip it into the cup, and then eat. Return to your seat by a side aisle.*

### SILENT REFLECTION DURING COMMUNION

#### PRAYER

Dr. Bush

#### THE RESPONSE

Rev. Larson

*Leader: Jesus, firstborn of Mary,*

*People: Have mercy on us.*

*Leader: Jesus, Savior of the world,*

*People: Have mercy on us.*

*Leader: Jesus, monarch of heaven,*

*People: Have mercy on us.*

*Leader: He whom the universe could not contain,  
is present to us in this bread.*

*He who redeemed us and called us by name  
now meets us in this cup.*

*So take this bread and this wine.*

*In them God comes to us so that we may come to God.*

HYMN 498 (*seated*) Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

*Beach Spring*

LUKE 22:24-34

(NT 86)

*"I tell you Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied me three times ..."*

ANTHEM

By Gracious Powers

*Ferguson*

Original German text by Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1945)

*By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered,  
and confidently waiting come what may,  
we know that God is with us night and morning,  
and never fails to greet us each new day.*

*Yet is this heart by its old foe tormented,  
still evil days bring burdens hard to bear;  
O, give our frightened souls the sure salvation,  
for which, O Lord, You taught us to prepare.*

*And when this cup You give is filled to brimming  
with bitter suffering, hard to understand,  
we take it thankfully and without trembling out of so good and so beloved a hand.*

*Yet when again in this same world You give us the joy we had,  
the brightness of Your sun, we shall remember all the days we lived through,  
and our whole life shall then be Yours alone.*

*By gracious powers so faithfully protected, so quietly, so wonderfully near,  
I'll live each day in hope, with You beside me,  
and go with You through ev'ry coming year.*

LUKE 22:35-46

(NT 87)

*"He came out and went ... to the Mount of Olives ... knelt down, and prayed."*

PRAYER, THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.

LUKE 22:47-62

(NT 87)

*"Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord ... And he went out and wept bitterly."*

SILENT REFLECTION



*On this night there is no benediction.  
Worshippers depart in silence, during or after the postlude.*

POSTLUDE

Ah, Holy Jesus

*Walcha*

*The service continues at 7:30 tomorrow evening,  
Good Friday with the Service of Tenebrae ("darkness").*

*The palms are given to the glory of God by Bob Schweers in loving memory of  
Ardys Hipke, her husband Dr. Malcolm Hipke, and her sister Lila L. Ine.*

The Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services narrate the Passion of Jesus Christ according to the evangelist Luke. This evening, chapter 22 provides the framework of the service as well as the story, from Judas' betrayal and the last supper (The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper) to the arrest of Jesus and Peter's denial. The scriptures read are from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

The *One Great Hour of Sharing* offering, a tradition at Lent and Easter, funds hunger programs, self-development of people projects around the world, and disaster relief services. We will dedicate the *One Great Hour of Sharing* offering on Sunday, April 27.

**Thank you to this evening's volunteers:** Welcome Team: Virginia Riggs, and Eileen and Keith Pierce; Ushers – Linda and Tom Neubauer, Mark Connelly, and Jeff McEathron; Camera operator – Rabah Rennane.

**If you are visiting Immanuel Church this evening** we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its 188<sup>th</sup> anniversary this month.

**Please record your presence with us** in the red folders in the pew.

Today's congregation of over 500 members comes from next door, neighborhoods throughout the city, and as far north as Sheboygan, as far south as Kenosha, and as far west as Summit. Committed to "keeping faith in the city," Immanuel supports the Interchange Food Pantry and is active with Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity and Southeastern Wisconsin Common Ground. Global mission projects reach to Kenya, Zambia, and Cuba. Worship is our first priority and education is emphasized for all ages. Information about the church is on the Great Hall tables. We hope that you will worship with us again.

# *HOLY WEEK AND EASTER*

**+ GOOD FRIDAY +**

**Tomorrow, April 18 at 7:30 p.m.  
The Service of Tenebrae ("darkness")  
The Last Words According to Luke**

Choral Anthems:

Mozart *Ave Verum Corpus*

Bach "*Crucifixus*" from the *B Minor Mass*

Solo by Colleen Brooks:

Purcell *When I Am Laid*

This year's Good Friday service focuses on the final hours of Jesus' life, moving from his trial before the Roman governor Pontius Pilate, to the public act of crucifixion, the mocking by onlookers and soldiers, and hearing Jesus' final words spoken from the cross (as recorded in Luke's gospel). This service includes readings from scripture, special music and the darkening of the Sanctuary.

**+ EASTER EVE +**

**Saturday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m.**

Often called "**The First Service of Easter,**" the Great Vigil of Easter is traced to early Christian times. Worshipers return the light to the Sanctuary with lighted candles. The universal significance of God's saving acts in history is proclaimed through readings from the Old and New Testaments, the Reaffirmation of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

**+ RESURRECTION OF THE LORD +**

**Sunday, April 20**

**9:45 Organ and Timpani Prelude Concert**

*Steven Jensen and Mike Lorenz*

**10:00 Easter Morning Worship**

**"Breaking the Silence"**

**Luke 24:1-10**

**The Rev. Dr. Randall Bush preaching**

A joyful celebration of music and words

Formal coffee hour in the Parlor follows worship.

# Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts 494

1 Je - sus, thou joy of lov - ing hearts, thou fount of  
2 Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; thou sav - est  
3 We taste thee, O thou liv - ing bread, and long to  
4 Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee, wher - e'er our  
5 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay; make all our

life, thou light of all, from the best bliss that  
those that on thee call; to them that seek thee  
feast up - on thee still; we drink of thee, the  
change - ful lot is cast, glad when thy gra - cious  
mo - ments calm and bright. O chase the night of

earth im - parts we turn, un - filled, to heed thy call.  
thou art good, to them that find thee, all in all.  
foun - tain - head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.  
smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.  
sin a - way; shed o'er the world thy ho - ly light.

This 19th-century American translation of stanzas from a longer Latin poem is so well shaped that it sounds like an original meditation on Christian experience centered on the Lord's Supper. The North American tune name seems not to have originated with the English composer.

# Loaves Were Broken, 498 Words Were Spoken

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)  
F Dm B $\flat$



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -  
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et  
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we  
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your

(D) (Bm)  
F Dm



le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their  
room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you  
gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am  
name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that

(G) (D) (A)  
B $\flat$  F C



food for - ev - er - more.  
came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken  
with you; do not fear!"  
tell your love and care.

(Bm) (F $\sharp$ m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)  
Dm Am Dm B $\flat$  C F



for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -

(Bm) (G) (D)  
Dm B $\flat$  F



gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

The first two stanzas of this text deal with events in the past (the feeding of the multitude and the Last Supper) and the final two with events in the present. The recurring last four lines of each stanza serve as an affirmation of Christ's continuing presence at all times.

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;  
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide!  
 earth's joys grow dim; its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see.  
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 Heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

By blending end of day and end of life, the imagery of this well-known Victorian hymn has made it valuable for both evening services and funerals. Although the author wrote his own music for it, the present tune has been firmly associated with this text for over 150 years.



Bulletins returned to the tables in the Narthex will be recycled.



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*This depiction of the disciples sleeping while Jesus prays comes from the noted artist James He Qi, who studied at Nanjing University and the Hamburg Art Institute, and is currently the artist-in-residence at Fuller Theological Seminary (CA).*