



Maundy Thursday

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A Night With Our Lord

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

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

C: Amen.

P: How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

C: I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.

P: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

C: O Lord, truly I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant; You have freed me from my chains.

P: I will sacrifice a thank offering to You and call on the name of the Lord.

C: I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in Your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

SCRIPTURE NARRATION

Mark 14:12-16 (*The Passover Celebration*)

¹² On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

¹³ So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. ¹⁴ Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵ He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

¹⁶ The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

HYMN “*Glory Be to Jesus*”

Mark 14:17-21 (*Jesus Predicts Judas’ Betrayal*)

¹⁷ When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. ¹⁸ While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, “I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me.”

¹⁹ They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, “Surely not I?”

²⁰ “It is one of the Twelve,” he replied, “one who dips bread into the bowl with me. ²¹ The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION (*Forgiveness*)

P: It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. (*John 13:1*)

C: The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you.

P: Tonight we remember the love of Christ and His blood shed for us, as we seek forgiveness.

(silence for reflection)

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess to You that we are sinners. We need Your precious blood to mark our doors once more, that we may not receive the punishment we deserve because of our sinfulness. We pray that your anger may pass over us. For the sake of Jesus, our serving Lord, forgive us. Amen.

P: For the sake of Jesus you are forgiven.

Mark 14:22-25 (*The Lord’s Supper*)

²² While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take it; this is my body.”

²³ Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, and they all drank from it.

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²⁴ “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many,” he said to them. ²⁵ “I tell you the truth, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it anew in the kingdom of God.”

HYMN “*O Living Bread from Heaven*”

SCRIPTURE NARRATION

Mark 14:27-31 (*Jesus Predicts Peter’s Denial*)

²⁷ “You will all fall away,” Jesus told them, “for it is written: “I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.”

²⁸ But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

²⁹ Peter declared, “Even if all fall away, I will not.”

³⁰ “I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “today—yes, tonight—before the rooster crows twice you yourself will disown me three times.”

³¹ But Peter insisted emphatically, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the others said the same.

Mark 14:32-42 (*Gethsemane*)

³² They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” ³³ He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. ³⁴ “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,” he said to them. “Stay here and keep watch.”

³⁵ Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ “Abba, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

³⁷ Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Simon,” he said to Peter, “are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? ³⁸ Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.”

³⁹ Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. ⁴⁰ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.

⁴¹ Returning the third time, he said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴² Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

HYMN “*Go to Dark Gethsemane*”

Mark 14:43-50 (*Jesus Arrested*)

⁴³ Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders.

⁴⁴ Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” ⁴⁵ Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. ⁴⁶ The men seized Jesus and arrested him. ⁴⁷ Then one of those standing near drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

⁴⁸ “Am I leading a rebellion,” said Jesus, “that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? ⁴⁹ Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled.” ⁵⁰ Then everyone deserted him and fled.

SONG “*Cup of Sorrow*”

Mark 14:53-65 (*Before the Sanhedrin*)

⁵³ They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, elders and teachers of the law came together. ⁵⁴ Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire.

⁵⁵ The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. ⁵⁶ Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree.

⁵⁷ Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: ⁵⁸ “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this man-made temple and in three days will build another, not made by man.’” ⁵⁹ Yet even then their testimony did not agree.

⁶⁰ Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?” ⁶¹ But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer.

Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?”

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⁶² “I am,” said Jesus. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

⁶³ The high priest tore his clothes. “Why do we need any more witnesses?” he asked. ⁶⁴ “You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?”

They all condemned him as worthy of death. ⁶⁵ Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, “Prophecy!” And the guards took him and beat him.

HYMN “*Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*”

Mark 14:66-72 (*Peter Disowns Jesus*)

⁶⁶ While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came by. ⁶⁷ When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him.

“You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus,” she said.

⁶⁸ But he denied it. “I don’t know or understand what you’re talking about,” he said, and went out into the entryway.

⁶⁹ When the servant girl saw him there, she said again to those standing around, “This fellow is one of them.” ⁷⁰ Again he denied it.

After a little while, those standing near said to Peter, “Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.”

⁷¹ He began to call down curses on himself, and he swore to them, “I don’t know this man you’re talking about.”

⁷² Immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows twice I you will disown me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

HYMN “*Chief of Sinners Though I Be*”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. O God,

C: You are compassionate and gracious.

P: O Christ,

C: You are compassionate and gracious.

P: O God,

C: You are compassionate and gracious.

P: We lift our hands to You, dear Father knowing that You hear and answer our prayer. For this, O God,

C: we give You thanks and praise.

P: You have entrusted to us, Your Church, the message of reconciliation for all people.

C: Bless all missionaries, pastors, faithful workers in Your Church, and all of us believers with courage to give ready witness to the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

P: Bless also the leaders of the world with wisdom to promote peace and justice;

C: so Your Word can be proclaimed freely and even the poorest of people may be fed and cared for.

P: We pray for all who are sick, those who suffer from addiction, loneliness, depression, or grieve the passing of loved ones.

C: Grant them hope and healing. Use us as agents to comfort our brothers and sisters in their time of need.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord who furthermore taught us to pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

P: Now may the grace of Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *Just as I Am, without One Plea*"