



Maundy Thursday

April 9, 2020

7:00pm

Redeemer Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Our Mission: Make Christ Known to All in Word and Deed

Welcome to worship at Redeemer. We believe in the life-giving, inclusive and forgiving love of God manifest through his Son, Jesus Christ. Let us celebrate God's wonderful gifts through hearing his Word, singing, and prayer.

Today's worship emphasis: This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Gathering

Gathering Song

Hymn 359

Were Charity and Love Prevail

Friends in Christ,
in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call
to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—
all that keeps us from loving God and each other.
This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church,
God never wearies of forgiving sin
and giving the peace of reconciliation.
On this night let us confess our sin against God
and our neighbor,
and enter the observance of the great Three Days
reconciled with God and with one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Stripping of the Altar

O Love, How Deep
Choir

Confession *We stand.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ
and by his authority, I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Hymn

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Hymn 588 Verses 1 and 4

Word

Gospel Lesson

The Holy Gospel according John.

Glory to you, O Lord. *Spoken boldly!*

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I

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, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these

things, you are blessed if you do them.

^{31b} "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me;

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. *Spoken boldly!*

and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Commandments of Jesus *We sit.*

"Maundy" comes from the Latin word mandatum, or commandment, reflecting Jesus' words "I give you a new commandment." So tonight, we focus on some of Jesus' commands to us.

Each scripture will be read, followed by music. During the music, the candles to be used for our Good Friday worship will be placed on the stark and barren altar.

A New Commandment

A musical score for the hymn "A New Commandment" in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The melody is simple and hymn-like, featuring a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. There are three triplets indicated by a '3' over a bracket. The lyrics are: "A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth-er as I have loved you, that you love one an - oth-er as I have loved you. By this shall peo - ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo-ple know you are my dis - ci - ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er."

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Text: John 13:34–35

Music: NEW COMMANDMENT, anonymous

Christ calls us to:

Repent

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news." Mark 1:14-15

Forgive:

²¹Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. Matthew 18: 21-22

Be Merciful:

³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Luke 6:36

Follow:

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. Mark 8:34-35

Let Your Light Shine:

¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

Take, Eat and Drink:

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Love One Another:

³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13: 34-35

Time for Reflection

Dismissal

Let us go forth in peace.