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Believing
Passion of The Christ in Mark

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

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Welcome...

We are so happy that you are here with us this evening. Our desire is to be like another home for you. If you are new to Grace or to the area and are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider joining our family here at Grace.

To our many members and friends worshiping at home, whether near or far, we are so happy that you are sharing this worship with us from your homes.

To Everyone: Please check Grace Lutheran's website daily! www.GraceLutheranPSL.com

HOLY COMMUNION

Is celebrated in our worship service today. This meal is weird and wonderful: weird because we actually believe that the bread and wine are the Body and Blood of Jesus the Christ; wonderful because Jesus is with us. We take this meal very seriously here at Grace. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out and allow us to answer your questions. **Children** who have not been instructed in the meaning of the Sacrament may come to the Lord's Table with their parents for a blessing but are asked to fold their arms across their chests to indicate they are to receive a blessing.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE COMMUNION: After Pastor Cris has consecrated the elements you are invited to come to the altar and receive communion. Please use the right or left aisle as you come forward to the altar. **For those who have an intolerance to wine, grape juice is lighter colored on the tray, center.** When your side has received the blessing from Pastor Cris you may place your cup in the basket in the center and return to your seat. Those who find it difficult to walk to the altar can be communed in the pew. Please inform the usher of your need.

Revealing True Power - The Gospel of Mark

Mark begins his Gospel showing his full intent, "This is the beginning of good news of Jesus, the Son of God." This declaration of Jesus as the Son of God still deconstructs our own wants and dreams for power, from our feckless notions of political power, to the notions of us who want to gain power from religious dogma, to our own personal wants for notoriety and importance. Mark's Gospel reveals true power as we follow Jesus to the cross, revealing the good news of a life reborn of freedom.

--- OPENING HYMN

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (LW 114 Vs. 1-4)

- 1. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.*
- 2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.*
- 3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown?*
- 4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!*

OPENING RESPONSE

Pastor: How can I repay the Lord for all His goodness to me?

PEOPLE: I WILL LIFT UP THE CUP OF SALVATION AND CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD.

Pastor: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

PEOPLE: O LORD, TRULY I AM YOUR SERVANT; YOU HAVE LOOSED MY BONDS.

Pastor: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

PEOPLE: AND CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD.

Pastor: Praise the Lord!

PEOPLE: PRAISE THE LORD!

--- PRAYER Taken from Psalm 116

*Pastor: O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion.
Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of
Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.*

--- TONIGHT'S READINGS

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 12:1-3,7-13

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 14:1-11

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

--- THE APOSTLES CREED

--- SERMON - Unraveled

--- PRAYERS

Pastor: Father, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service. Lord, hear us

ALL: AND HUMBLE US.

Pastor: On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your Church... Lord, hear us

ALL: AND UNITE US.

Pastor: On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe. We pray for the mission of your Church... Lord, hear us

ALL: AND RENEW OUR ZEAL.

Pastor: On this night, he commanded them to love, but suffered rejection himself. We pray for the rejected and unloved... Lord, hear us

ALL: AND FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE.

Pastor: On this night, he reminded them that if the world hated them it hated him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith... Lord, hear us

ALL: AND GIVE US YOUR PEACE.

**ALL: MOST MERCIFUL LORD, YOUR LOVE COMPELS US TO COME IN.
OUR HANDS WERE UNCLEAN, OUR HEARTS WERE UNPREPARED;
WE WERE NOT FIT EVEN TO EAT THE CRUMBS FROM UNDER YOUR TABLE.
BUT YOU, LORD, ARE THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION,
AND SHARE YOUR BREAD WITH SINNERS.
SO CLEANSE AND FEED US WITH THE PRECIOUS BODY AND BLOOD OF YOUR SON,
THAT HE MAY LIVE IN US AND WE IN HIM;
AND THAT WE, WITH THE WHOLE COMPANY OF CHRIST,
MAY SIT AND EAT IN YOUR KINGDOM. AMEN.**

--- LORD'S PRAYER

--- CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Before we come to receive from the Lord the blessings of His body and blood, let us confess our sins.

PEOPLE: WE CONFESS, O LORD, THAT WE HAVE SINNED. WE HAVE GONE OUR OWN WAY. WE HAVE DONE THOSE THINGS YOU TOLD US NOT TO DO, AND WE HAVE NOT DONE THE THINGS WE SHOULD HAVE DONE. FORGIVE US, O LORD, FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS CHRIST. RENEW US BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND GIVE US STRENGTH TO WALK ACCORDING TO YOUR WILL ALL THE DAYS OF OUR LIFE. IN THE NAME OF JESUS, WE PRAY. AMEN.

Pastor: The prophet Isaiah tells us, "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." (Isaiah 40:31). Jesus sacrificed His life for you to renew your strength and hope as a child of God. Therefore, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE: AMEN.

--- THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

Pastor: The tree of life in the midst of the garden was the tree of our defeat. Christ was lifted up on the tree of victory; and where life was lost, there life has been restored. And so we praise you....

**PEOPLE: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT,
HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY.
HOSANNA. HOSANNA. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.
BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.**

--- THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

--- THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Jesus, I will ponder now”

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- 1. Jesus, I will ponder now On Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish
Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death That I may not perish.**
- 2. Make me see Your great distress, Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness And Your crucifixion:
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.**
- 3. Yet, O Lord, not thus alone Make me see Your passion,
But its cause to me make known And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin Wrought Your deep affliction;
This indeed the cause has been Of Your crucifixion.**
- 4. Grant that I Your passion view With repentant grieving,
Let me not bring shame to You By unholy living.
How could I refuse to shun Ev'ry sinful pleasure
Since for me God's only Son Suffered without measure?**

“Were You There” (Vs. 1-3, cut at 2:11)

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- 1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh!
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**
- 2. Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to tree? Oh!
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?**
- 3. Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh!
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!
Where you there when they laid Him in the tomb?**

----- THE BLESSING

*Pastor: May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord look upon you with grace and redemption.
May the Lord always walk before you and give you peace.*

PEOPLE: AMEN

--- CLOSING HYMN

“Go to Dark Gethsemane” (LW 110 Vs 1-3)

**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 worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suf-f’ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.**

**3. Calv’ry’s mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,
Mark that miracle of time, God’s own sacrifice complete.
“It is finished!” hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

--- THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

At the end of the distribution, the chancel is emptied of all appointments -- everything is removed from the altar, including the paraments, so that all that remains are the furniture and the stark cross. This symbolizes the division of the Lord's garments and the casting of lots for His cloak.

*Pastor: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me,
from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.*

**PEOPLE: YET YOU ARE HOLY, ENTHRONED ON THE PRAISES OF ISRAEL. IN YOU OUR
FATHERS TRUSTED; THEY TRUSTED, AND YOU DELIVERED THEM.**

*Pastor: To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put
to shame. But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by
the people.*

**PEOPLE: ALL WHO SEE ME MOCK ME; THEY MAKE MOUTHS AT ME; THEY WAG THEIR
HEADS; “HE TRUSTS IN THE LORD; LET HIM DELIVER HIM; LET HIM RESCUE HIM,
FOR HE DELIGHTS IN HIM!”**

Pastor: Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts. On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God.

PEOPLE: BE NOT FAR FROM ME, FOR TROUBLE IS NEAR, AND THERE IS NONE TO HELP. MANY BULLS ENCOMPASS ME; STRONG BULLS OF BASHAN SURROUND ME; THEY OPEN WIDE THEIR MOUTHS AT ME, LIKE A RAVENING AND ROARING LION.

Pastor: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

PEOPLE: FOR DOGS ENCOMPASS ME; A COMPANY OF EVILDOERS ENCIRCLES ME; THEY HAVE PIERCED MY HANDS AND FEET— I CAN COUNT ALL MY BONES—THEY STARE AND GLOAT OVER ME; THEY DIVIDE MY GARMENTS AMONG THEM, AND FOR MY CLOTHING THEY CAST LOTS.

Pastor: But you, O LORD, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid! Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog!

PEOPLE: SAVE ME FROM THE MOUTH OF THE LION! YOU HAVE RESCUED ME FROM THE HORNS OF THE WILD OXEN! I WILL TELL OF YOUR NAME TO MY BROTHERS; IN THE MIDST OF THE CONGREGATION I WILL PRAISE YOU:

Pastor: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him. From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him. The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever!

PEOPLE: ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH SHALL REMEMBER AND TURN TO THE LORD, AND ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE NATIONS SHALL WORSHIP BEFORE YOU. FOR KINGSHIP BELONGS TO THE LORD, AND HE RULES OVER THE NATIONS.

Pastor: All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

PEOPLE: POSTERITY SHALL SERVE HIM; IT SHALL BE TOLD OF THE LORD TO THE COMING GENERATION; THEY SHALL COME AND PROCLAIM HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS TO A PEOPLE YET UNBORN, THAT HE HAS DONE IT.

The Benediction is omitted at the end of this service and at the end of the Good Friday service tomorrow. This signifies their continuity with each other and with Easter.

Following the reading of Psalm 22 and after the stripping of the altar, we ask that you leave the church quietly with reverence, meditating upon the passion of Christ.