

MAUNDY THURSDAY



NEW ST PETER'S

APRIL 17, 2024

*The Liturgy of the Last Supper
& the Crucifixion*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Congregants read the bolded text aloud.

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

Silence

CALL TO WORSHIP

John 13

THE KING LOVES HIS OWN TO THE END

When Jesus knew that His hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

John 19

Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged Him. And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head and arrayed Him in a purple robe. They came up to Him, saying, **“Hail, King of the Jews!”** and struck Him with their hands. Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I am bringing Him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in Him.” So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!” When the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out, **“Crucify Him, crucify Him!”** Pilate said to them, “Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him.” The Jews answered him, **“We have a law, and according to that law He ought to die because He has made Himself the Son of God.”** When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are You from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. So Pilate said to Him, “You will not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You and authority to crucify You?” Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over Me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered Me over to you has the greater sin.”

CONFESSION OF SIN

Matthew 23

John 13

Heavenly Father, we confess our sin before Your awesome holiness. **Instead of humility and willing self-sacrifice, we are full of pride, greed, and self-interest. We boast in our own rule-following, while neglecting the weightier matters of Your law—justice, mercy, and faithfulness. In our arrogance, we become blind guides of the blind, preaching what we do not practice. Father, give us Your forgiving and sanctifying grace that we may follow in the steps of our Servant-King, Jesus our Lord.**

Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.

People of God, while you were still weak and ungodly, Christ died for you. In Him, your sins are forgiven. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. So we rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

To all who rejoice in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, the table that we serve is for you. All others, if the life of Jesus is not your righteousness, if the death of Jesus is not your forgiveness, if the resurrection of Jesus is not your hope, then we respectfully request that you refrain and consider.

THE KING FEEDS HIS OWN

So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. **For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.**

And as they were eating, He took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them.

Receive the bread as it is distributed, then please wait to eat together.

And He said, **“This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”**

Eat together

And He took a cup, and He said to them, **“Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”**

Receive the cup as it is distributed, then please wait to drink together. Grape juice is in the outer ring of the tray and wine in the center.

And taking the cup, He gave thanks and said to them, **“Drink of it, all of you, for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”**

Drink together

**ASSURANCE OF
PARDON**
Romans 5

**WELCOME AND
WARNING**

**LITURGY OF
THE TABLE**
John 6
Gospels of
Matthew, Mark,
Luke

"Psalm 113 (Who Is Like the Lord Our God?)"

Bruce Benedict &
Wendell Kimbrough, 2013



1. Our Fa - ther, He lifts from the ash - es_ He rais - es_ the poor and the lost;_
2. Though e - qual to God in_ His glo - ry,_ Christ Je - sus be - came like a slave;_
3. O Saints, fix your eyes on_ the Sav - ior And count all_ your right - eous - ness lost_



He seats them to dine at_ his ta - ble, To feast with - out mon - ey_ or cost._
He hum - bled him - self in_ o - be - dience To Death, and the Cross, and the Grave._
Be found in_ his love and his fa - vor And share in_ his death on_ the cross_



The lone - ly_ he set - tles in fam - ilies The bar - ren a moth - er_ he makes;_
Vic - to - rious, he rose to_ the high - est; In glo - ry, the Sav - ior was raised._
That all of_ his pow - er_ in vic - tory, Im - part - ed_ to you, may a - bound_



O hap - py_ the heart of_ the stran - ger Who's wel - comed by this King of Grace.
His name a - bove all names ex - alt - ed; The heav - ens_ and earth sing His praise.
And shar - ing the suf - f'rings of Je - sus, You share in_ his glo - ry_ and crown.

Refrain



Who is like the Lord our God? Who with glo - ry fills the sky? But



hum - bles him - self with the bro - ken to dwell Who is like our God?

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

*Worshipers may quietly follow into the sanctuary.
Take a seat, and prayerfully wait.*

THE KING IS REJECTED BY HIS OWN

After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in His spirit, and testified, “Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.” One of His disciples asked Him, “Lord, who is it?” Jesus answered, “It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it.” So when He had dipped the morsel, He gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. Then after He had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him, and he immediately went out. And it was night.

John 13

From then on Pilate sought to release Jesus, but the Jews cried out, **“If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.”** So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” They cried out, **“Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!”** Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, **“We have no king but Caesar.”**

John 19

Silence

THE KING IS LIFTED UP IN HUMILIATION

When Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him. If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek Me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’”

John 13

So Pilate delivered Him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, **“Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’”** Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

John 19

Silence

THE KING IS STRIPPED OF HIS GLORY

John 13 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside His outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around His waist. Then He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around Him. When He had washed their feet and put on His outer garments and resumed His place, He said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?"

John 19 When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took His garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also His tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to one another, "**Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.**" This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did these things, but standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Silence

THE KING LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE

John 13 And Jesus said to His disciples, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 19 After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to His mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished," and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

Silence

THE KING WASHES HIS PEOPLE

Jesus said to His disciples, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”

John 13

Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: **“Not one of His bones will be broken.”** And again another Scripture says, **“They will look on Him whom they have pierced.”**

John 19

Silence

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

O mein Jesu, Ich muss sterben
text: Thomas Kelly, 1804



1. Strick - en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, see him dy - ing on the tree!
2. Tell me, ye who hear him groan - ing, was there ev - er grief like his?
3. Ye who think of sin but light - ly nor sup - pose the e - vil great
4. Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, here the ref - uge of the lost;



'Tis the Christ by man re - ject - ed; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!
Friends thro' fear his cause dis - own - ing, foes in - sult - ing his dis - tress;
here may view its na - ture right - ly, here its guilt may es - ti - mate.
Christ's the Rock of our sal - va - tion, his the name of which we boast.



'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed Proph - et, Da - vid's son, yet Dav - id's Lord;
man - y hands were raised to wound him, none would in - ter - pose to save;
Mark the sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed, see who bears the aw - ful load;
Lamb of God, for sin - ners wound - ed, sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt!



by his Son God now has spo - ken: 'tis the true and faith - ful Word.
but the deep - est stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.
'tis the Word, the Lord's A - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
None shall ev - er be con - found - ed who on him their hope have built.

HOMILY | John 19

Mr. Stephen Buerger

“The King’s Mandate”

“Draw Near (Psalm 69)”

Wendell Kimbrough, 2017



1. The flood a - round me is ris - sing; the wa - ter's up to my neck.
2. My flesh and blood no more own me; my fam - 'ily's no more my home.
3. I asked them all for some com - fort; I begged, but there was no bread.



My voice is worn out from cry - ing. O Lord, please send me your help!
They hide their eyes from my griev - ing; they stop their ears from my groans.
They gave me food that was poi - son; with wine, they left me for dead.

Refrain



Draw near _____ to my soul, _____ O Lord! _____



Draw near _____ to my soul, _____ O Lord! _____

John 13

THE REJECTED KING IS BROUGHT LOW

Simon Peter said to Him, **“Lord, where are You going?”** Jesus answered Him, “Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you will follow afterward.” Peter said to Him, **“Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for You.”** Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for Me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied Me three times.”

John 19

After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away His body. Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

Silence

Christians, on this day of darkness and mourning, what is it that you believe?

THE APOSTLES'
CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into hell...**

All leave in silence

ABOUT THE COVER

This evening, the familiar NSP rooster is pictured without the cross in its talons. This for us is a stark reminder that we must remember our own denial in order to feel more sharply our need of the Christ-occupied cross. Before the dawn of strong hope and good news comes the darkness of betrayal and crucifixion.

WHAT IS MAUNDY THURSDAY?

Maundy Thursday is the Thursday of Holy Week, the night of the Last Supper and the institution of the Lord's Supper. After washing the feet of the disciples, Jesus commanded (*mandatum* or *Maundy*) that they serve one another in love as He had done for them (John 13.12-17). Maundy Thursday is a celebration of the Lord's persistent, suffering, redeeming love in service to us.

In this service we are liturgically re-enacting the experience of the twelve and the first followers. On Thursday night the disciples were together with Christ in the upper room. By Friday they were scattered and afraid. Tonight we, being some of His disciples, are together. Tomorrow we are scattered, fasting and struggling with the cross as we await the surprise of the Resurrection.

READINGS FOR THE SCATTERED

FRIDAY: THE SUFFERING OF THE MESSIAH

Matthew 27
Lamentations 3.1-36
Psalm 22

SATURDAY: CRYING OUT IN HOPE

Matthew 27.57-66
Lamentations 3.37-58
Psalm 88

SUNDAY: REJOICING IN THE RESURRECTION

Matthew 28
Exodus 15
Psalm 145

Please join us for worship at Dallas Children's Theater on Sunday at 10:15 a.m.

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