

A NEW COMMAND HE GIVES US - LOVE ONE ANOTHER

March 28, 2024



**GLORIFY HIM ...
GROW IN HIM ...
GO WITH HIS GOSPEL**

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Maundy Thursday --- HIS Body & Blood

March 28, 2024

A place to call home: St. Mark's Lutheran Church & School

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, welcome home. We especially welcome to our house of worship our guests who have joined us today. We pray you will be strengthened by the good news about God's grace, love, and forgiveness to us through Jesus.

We say with the Psalmist, whether here on campus or viewing online, *"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD'"* (Psalm 122:1).

May the Lord continue to help us grow in His grace and knowledge as we hear, speak, and sing His holy Word.

Some items to keep in mind as we gather for worship in this place:

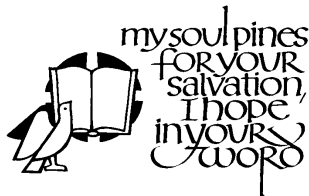
Members & our Guests ... Please pick up and fill out a **Connection Card** which can be found in the Entryway; before you leave place it in the box on the wall or in the basket labeled "Filled out Connection Cards." Thank you!

We do have **LARGE PRINT** copies of the Service; they can be found at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

*Hymns from 'Christian Worship' Red (1993) / 'Christian Worship' Blue (2021) /
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Personal **hearing assistance** devices are available on the entryway wall near the west entrance. The Sanctuary is also 'looped' for those who have hearing aids that can pick up the signal.

Holy Communion is offered on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays. Since Holy Communion is a confession of faith, we ask that at this time only members partake of the Sacrament. If you are not a member and would like to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please reach out to our Pastor.



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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Worship Focus: How important is blood? We cannot exist without it. We are encouraged to take measures to protect the blood within our bodies, including when we get a cut on any part of our body so to reduce or prevent any infection from getting into our bloodstream. Blood is the focus of our Service tonight, not our blood but the blood of Jesus. He was willing to shed His blood so our 'blood' would not be eternally impacted by the severe consequence of our sin – eternal death. It is not a pleasant topic unless we can grasp the impact of what Jesus did for us through His blood given and shed for us ... for all.

PRELUDE

Were You There?

by Mary McDonald

Greeting & Invocation

Minister: We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

M: The LORD is near to all who call on him,

C: to all who call on him in truth.

(Ps 145)

M: In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

C: Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.

M: Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me.

C: Free me from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge.

All: Into your hands I commit my spirit; redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth. *(Ps 31)*

HYMN

Musical Introduction ... Song continues on page 4

In the Hour of Trial

Christian Worship Blue # 406

**In the hour of trial, Jesus, plead for me
lest by base denial I unworthy be.
When you see me waver, with a look recall,
nor for fear or favor ever let me fall.**

**With forbidden pleasures should this vain world charm
or its tempting treasures spread to work me harm,
bring to my remembrance sad Gethsemane
or, in darker semblance, cross-crowned Calvary.**

**Should your mercy send me sorrow, toil, and woe,
or should pain attend me on my path below,
grant that I may never fail your cross to view;
grant that I may ever cast my care on you.**

**When my life is ending, though in grief or pain,
when my body changes back to dust again,
on your truth relying, through that mortal strife,
Jesus, take me, dying, to eternal life.**

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Psalm 130

God hears our cries for mercy; in Him we have a sure hope.

Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD; ²Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. ³If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? ⁴But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you. ⁵I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. ⁶I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. ⁷Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. ⁸He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy on us.

SONG *by the Choir*

Thy Will Be Done

Craig Courtney

*Our cup was filled with darkness. Our cup was filled with death.
Christ took the cup and drank it, and gave us life,
And gave us hope, gave us Himself.*

*My Father, let this cup pass from me. My Father, let this cup pass from me;
Yet not my will, O Lord, yet not my will, O Lord, but Thine be done.*

*In blackest night we hear Him in dark Gethsemane.
Pleading with the Father for one more way,
For one more hope, for one more day.*

*My Father, let this cup pass from me. My Father, let this cup pass from me;
Yet not my will, O Lord, yet not my will, O Lord, but Thine be done.*

*Then they took our Savior and led Him to a tree;
And there they broke His body, poured out His life,
Put Him to death to rise again!*

*My Father, let this cup pass from me. My Father, let this cup pass from me;
Yet not my will, O Lord, yet not my will, O Lord, Thy will be done; Thy will be done.*

M: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on the cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this Sacrament to our eternal good

C: for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Exodus 12:21-30

Disobedience comes with consequences, including death. Yet the Lord provides a way to be spared the severest consequence associated with death ... it involves blood.

Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. ²² Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. None of you shall go out of the door of your house until morning. ²³ When the LORD goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down. ²⁴ “Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants. ²⁵ When you enter the land that the LORD will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. ²⁶ And when your children ask you, ‘What does this ceremony mean to you?’ ²⁷ then tell them, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.’” Then the people bowed down and worshiped. ²⁸ The Israelites did just what the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron. ²⁹ At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well. ³⁰ Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Christ, have mercy on us.



HYMN

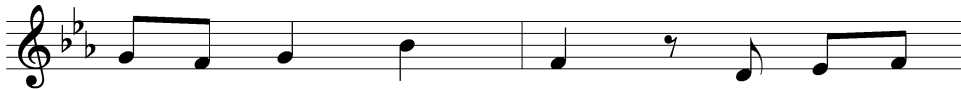
Musical Introduction ... Vocalist(s) on verse 1, join on rest of verses

The Blood of the Lamb

Christian Worship Blue # 418



1 The Fa - ther sees his chil - dren's chains. From Phar - aoh's
2 The lamb is slain as sun is set— a per - fect
3 As mid - night looms, the hour of death, God seeks the
4 Chil - dren of God, we too were slaves: our mas - ter—



land they cry in pain. To res - cue
lamb, with - out de - fect. They stain their
first - born, steals their breath, but pass - es
sin! Our end— the grave! But free - dom



them, he makes a way: the blood of the lamb.
doors with in - no - cence: the blood of the lamb.
o'er doors drenched in red: the blood of the lamb.
came in crim - son shades: the blood of the Lamb.

**5 This perfect Lamb is Jesus Christ.
He gave himself as sacrifice.
His life poured out, the final price:
the blood of the Lamb.**

**6 The blood he spilled, the life he spent,
he gives us now in sacrament.
Eternal life on Christ depends:
the blood of the Lamb.**

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Mark 14:12-26

Even in the hour of sorrow as He knows what is coming next, Jesus offers this lasting reassurance to His disciples then ... and now.

On the first day of the Festival 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 room upstairs, 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. ¹⁷ When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. ¹⁸ While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, 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 you don’t mean me?” 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.” ²² While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take it; this is my body.” ²³ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. ²⁴ “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many,” he said to them. ²⁵ “Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Christ, have mercy on us.**

HYMN

Musical Introduction

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Christian Worship Blue # 425

**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.**

**Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned.
Oh, the wormwood and the gall, oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff’ring, pain, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.**

**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.**

**Early hasten to the tomb where they laid his breathless clay;
all is solitude and gloom. Who has taken him away?
Christ is ris’n! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.**

FOCUS ON THE SCRIPTURES

Based on Mark 11:22-24

“The Greatest Love Story --- Given And Shed”

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offering to the church, give online through our website under the “Resources” tab, or give by texting 916.915.9552. The QR Code to the web giving link is at the end of the bulletin.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Precious Redeemer, may your face that once reflected the burden of our sins and the anguish of hell be ever turned toward us in love and tenderness.

C: Let no one in this Christian assembly who has known you as Friend and Lord, as well as Savior, ever betray your love.

M: And may the dear blood once shed for us be for our sins the perfect cleansing power.

C: Hear us to the glory of your name, holy Redeemer. Amen.

And we also pray ...

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Jesus points out the confession of faith and unity which takes place as we partake of His Sacrament – Holy Communion.

Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy on us.

THE SACRAMENT

M: In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden. O Lord, hear our prayer, listen to our cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness, come to our relief. Do not bring your servants into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. Answer us quickly, O Lord; our spirit fails. Do not hide your face from us, for we have put our trust in you. Show us the way we should go, for to you we lift up our soul. Teach us to do your will, for you are our God.

All: Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.

Here, silently, we may confess specific sins.

M: Jesus says to his people: “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven.” His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe.

M: Because of the words and work of our Savior Jesus, your sins are forgiven. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

All: O Lord, my God, I called to you for help, and you answered me. I thank you for the love you have shown me in Jesus Christ, my Savior. Through him you have rescued me from the guilt of my sin and given me the peace of forgiveness. Help me fight against temptation, correct whatever wrongs I can, and serve you and those around me with love and good works. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

The Ushers will direct Communicants by way of the center aisle, returning by way of the outer aisle. Either pick up a Wafer from the table by the Baptism Font or receive a Wafer in your hand from the Communion Assistant. Note: Tinted cups in the center of the Trays are filled with Grape Juice. Your empty Cup can be placed on the backside of the Rail. If seated on the east side, approach the Rail from left to right; if on the west side, right to left. When at the Rail, you may kneel or stand. If you need Communion in the Pew, please let an Usher or the Pastor know of this.

As a reminder: Since Holy Communion is a confession of faith, we ask that at this time only members and those who spoke with the Pastor ahead of time partake of the Sacrament. In the future, if you would like to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please reach out to our Pastor following the Service / during the week.

SONG *by the Choir*

Angels Bore His Soul Away

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*On a distant hilltop, where no flowers grow, Where no hint of sunlight has shone;
On a cross, my Savior, nailed with brutal blows, Left to die, forsaken, alone.
(Refrain) Jesus, with His last full breath, Bowed His head in quiet death;
Closed His eyes, a debt repaid, As angels bore His soul away.*

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss To lay aside His crown for my soul*

*See the splintered oak wood, taste the bitter gall, See the gleaming sword pierce His side;
 Feel the desolation and the tears that fall, Hear the taunts as crowds deride. (Refrain)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Musical Introduction

Draw Near

Christian Worship Blue # 662



Draw near, draw near! Take the bod - y of your Lord.



Draw near, draw near! Drink the blood for you out-poured!



- 1 Draw near and take the bod - y of your Lord,
- 2 Christ our Re - deem - er, God's e - ter - nal Son,
- 3 Let us ap - proach with faith - ful hearts sin - cere
- 4 With heav'n - ly bread he makes the hun - gry whole,



and drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured.
 has by his cross and blood the vic - t'ry won.
 and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.
 gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.



Saved by his bod - y and his ho - ly blood,
 He gave his life for great - est and for least,
 Christ, who in this life all the saints de - fends,
 Lord of the na - tions, to whom all must bow,



with souls re - freshed we give our thanks to God.
 him - self the of - f'ring and him - self the priest.
 gives all be - liev - ers life that nev - er ends.
 in this great feast of love be with us now.

Refrain

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to Himself. May the power of the Lord Jesus make us strong to do His will. May the peace of the Lord Jesus fill our lives.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

The Garden of Gethsemane

Musical Introduction ... Vocalist(s) on verse 2, join on verses 4 & 5

Christian Worship Blue # 424



2 Geth - sem - a - ne's se - ren - i - ty, so pleas - ant in the
 4 Geth - sem - a - ne's im - men - si - ty can still be seen to -
 5 Geth - sem - a - ne's tran - quil - i - ty re - turned a - gain that



past, was shat - tered by a pierc - ing cry. Our
 day. The Fa - ther's will was crys - tal clear: "There
 night; the con - flict moved to Cal - va - ry, where



Sav - ior stood a - ghast - to see the curse in -
 is no oth - er way! Move on, my Son; your
 Je - sus won the fight. There is no cup for



side the cup, to sense what soon would be un -
 death a - lone can save hu - man - i - ty." So,
 us to drink, no curse, no pen - al - ty - to



leashed a - gainst his sin - less soul be - yond Geth - sem - a - ne.
 bound and des - tined for the cross, Christ left Geth - sem - a - ne.
 know the lav - ish love of God, re - call Geth - sem - a - ne!

POSTLUDE

Ah, Holy Jesus
Arr. by Mary McDonald

Announcements

Serving at Worship Today:

Presiding Minister: Jonathan Kolander

Accompanist: Marty Puckett

Cello: Vince Beiderbecke Percussion: Don Black

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Maundy Thursday has a second focus, closely tied in with the first focus ... The word "Maundy" is of Latin origin. It has to do with the mandate Jesus gave to His disciples (see John 13:34). He who is love wants us to love one another. Out of love, Jesus laid down His life in place of our own; it had to be this way for only His death would be able to atone for every human being. Jesus humbled Himself, this ought to humble us and move us to love Him and loving Him shows itself in loving our fellow human beings.

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**As the sufferings
of Christ
abound in us +
so also through
Christ
does our
comfort abound**