

**CHRIST
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ZIONSVILLE



Maundy Thursday

April 2nd, 2026

GREETING

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C Amen.

P Most merciful God,

C I confess that I am in bondage to sin and cannot free myself. I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God, in God's mercy, has given Jesus Christ to die for us and, for Jesus' sake, forgives us all our sins. I therefore declare the entire forgiveness of all our sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

P 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.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

LESSON Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

L A reading from Exodus.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²"This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. ¹²I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴"This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance."

L Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL John 13:1-17, 34-35

P The holy gospel according to John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ 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. ² The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ Then 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. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ Jesus 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." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹² After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

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

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

MESSAGE

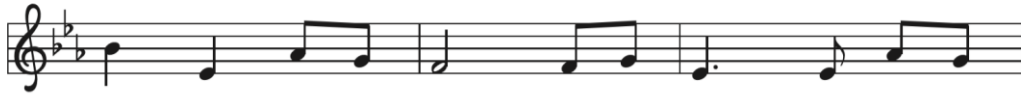
"Two Basins"

Hope Moran

Please stand as you are able after the sermon.



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
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 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



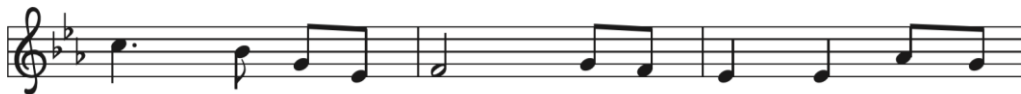
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

COMMUNION Luke 22:14-20

P A reading from Luke.

¹⁴When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, ¹⁸for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Participants come standing around the steps before the altar and commune as a table leaving after a blessing.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The stripping of the altar at the end of Maundy Thursday symbolizes the humiliation and barrenness of the cross, yet ultimately points us toward the joy of Easter morning.

R "After the Lord's Supper, events in our Lord's life moved quickly:

Prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane,

Betrayal by Judas,

Arrest, mock trial, painful beating,

The trudge to Golgatha and crucifixion.

As Jesus' life was stripped from him, so we strip our altar of the signs of life to point to his purposeful, redemptive suffering and death for us.

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness." The events of Good Friday snuffed out the human life of Jesus, the light of the world. As even creation was dark as he suffered, so we extinguish our candles and remove them.

Our offerings represent one way of serving God and others. They reflect God's greatest offering to the world and to us in sending his Son, Jesus, in human form. As the offered body of Jesus was removed from sight in burial, so we remove our offerings.

Our missal stand holds our worship book that guides our worship life together as we say and sing our praises to God. As Jesus suffers, joyous songs are not heard. As the sounds of joy are moved from our lips, we remove the missal stand. As Jesus stood silent before his accusers, the Bible with Jesus' words are removed from the ambo and altar.

Jesus offered body and shed blood have been given to us in, with and under the form of bread and wine in this holy mystery. As he was removed from the cross and placed in the grave, so we remove the bread, wine and communion vessels.

Our altar is in the form of a table. It is here where our Lord Jesus serves us as both host and meal during our time of communion with him. As our King's body was stripped for the crucifixion, so our altar and other paraments are removed.

The lights are dimmed.

Psalm 88

¹ O Lord, God of my salvation,
when, at night, I cry out in your presence,

² let my prayer come before you;
incline your ear to my cry.

³ For my soul is full of troubles,
and my life draws near to Sheol.

⁴ I am counted among those who go down to the Pit;
I am like those who have no help,

⁵ like those forsaken among the dead,
like the slain that lie in the grave,
like those whom you remember no more,

for they are cut off from your hand.
6 You have put me in the depths of the Pit,
in the regions dark and deep.
7 Your wrath lies heavy upon me,
and you overwhelm me with all your waves.
8 You have caused my companions to shun me;
you have made me a thing of horror to them.
I am shut in so that I cannot escape;
9 my eye grows dim through sorrow.
Every day I call on you, O Lord;
I spread out my hands to you.
10 Do you work wonders for the dead?
Do the shades rise up to praise you?
11 Is your steadfast love declared in the grave,
or your faithfulness in Abaddon?
12 Are your wonders known in the darkness,
or your saving help in the land of forgetfulness?
13 But I, O Lord, cry out to you;
in the morning my prayer comes before you.
14 O Lord, why do you cast me off?
Why do you hide your face from me?
15 Wretched and close to death from my youth up,
I suffer your terrors; I am desperate.
16 Your wrath has swept over me;
your dread assaults destroy me.
17 They surround me like a flood all day long;
from all sides they close in on me.
18 You have caused friend and neighbor to shun me;
my companions are in darkness.

PROCESSION TO THE COLUMBARIUM

Please stand as you are able.

READING Matthew 26:36-46

L A reading from Matthew.

³⁶ Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be grieved and agitated. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." ³⁹ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, yet not what I want but what you want." ⁴⁰ Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? ⁴¹ Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ⁴² Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." ⁴³ Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. ⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Now the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand."

P Please follow me to the columbarium – our Garden of Gethsemane – chanting “Stay With Me” as we walk going out the back door. If you are unable, then please stay seated in prayer in the sanctuary.

HYMN

Stay With Me

ELW 348

(sung repeatedly as we walk together to the columbarium)

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and
pray. Watch and pray.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The pastor will begin the prayers, leaving space for the people to add their own prayers or say people's names or situations, and then the pastor will close the prayers.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C 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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

Depart in Peace and Silence.

This service is the beginning of the Great Three Days and continues tomorrow Good Friday at St. Francis In-The-Fields (1525 Mulberry St., Zionsville) at 6:30pm culminating Easter Sunday at 10:30am when the final service of the Great Three Days will end with the blessing and dismissal.



SERVING US AT WORSHIP THIS EVENING

Interim Pastor: Hope Moran
Organist: Rhonda Blacklock

Reader:	Paul Schmidt
Lector:	Tom Conrad
Usher:	Brian Hardesty
Greeter:	Margie Kilgus
Communion Assistants:	John Burkhardt, JoAnne Tuffnell
A/V Assistant:	Ted Kussow
Altar Guild Members:	Gretchen Jeffers, Jen Luczak, Deb Gates, Linda Callecod
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