

# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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## THURSDAY, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2015

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Prayer

#### Prelude

“Jesu, Jesu”

Robert Powell

#### \*Call to Worship

This shall be a day of remembrance for you.

You shall celebrate it as a festival to God.

**We shall pay our vows to God before all the people.**

**We will offer our sacrifices of thanksgiving.**

This is a time for remembering the Last Supper.

You are called to the table to celebrate with Jesus.

**We have gathered to break bread together.**

**We will lift up the cup of salvation.**

This is the hour when we are recalled to the command:

You shall love one another, as I have loved you.

**We remember that Jesus washed the disciples' feet.**

**In covenant with Christ, we seek to serve.**

#### \*Hymn #783

“Here, O My Lord, I See You”

#### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

**We cannot deserve the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, made on our behalf. We have resisted the servant role as beneath our dignity. We do not care to wash feet. Why should we stoop down before people who may deny and betray us? O God, we confess under the shadow of the cross that our faith waivers before threat, and our love is limited by self-interest. We want to serve without sacrifice or inconvenience. We need forgiveness and the courage to love by those higher values that Jesus represents. Amen.**

#### Time of Personal Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon

#### Remembering Jesus Washing the Feet of the Disciples

#### Scripture:

John 13:1-17, 31b-35  
(NRSV p. 876 – 877; LP p. 1684 – 1686)

## **Sermon**

## **Call to Offering**

## **Offertory**

“Lenten Meditation”

John Rasley

## **Prayer for the Evening**

## **Remembering the Last Supper**

## **Scripture:**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
(NRSV p. 933; LP p. 1795 – 1796)

## **Communion Service**

## **\*Hymn #782**

“Come, Share the Lord”

## **Invitation**

## **Communion Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil:**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **Sharing the Elements**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**We celebrate the love we only dimly comprehend – your love for us, O God, in Jesus Christ. We have vowed to serve you, to minister to one another in Christ’s name, and to pass on the love we have received. Remembering the upper room, we consecrate this offering and rededicate ourselves to the ministries you set before your servant people. Amen.**

## Remembering Jesus' Passion

**Scripture:** John 18:1-5, 12-18, 25b-27  
(NRSV p. 880 – 881; LP p.1692 – 1694)

After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. <sup>2</sup>Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, 'For whom are you looking?' <sup>5</sup>They answered, 'Jesus of Nazareth.'<sup>\*</sup> Jesus replied, 'I am he.'<sup>\*</sup> Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them.

<sup>12</sup>So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. <sup>13</sup>First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. <sup>14</sup>Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

<sup>15</sup> Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, <sup>16</sup>but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup>The woman said to Peter, 'You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?' He said, '**I am not.**' <sup>18</sup>Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing round it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

<sup>25b</sup>Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, 'You are not also one of his disciples, are you?' He denied it and said, '**I am not.**' <sup>26</sup>One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, 'Did I not see you in the garden with him?' <sup>27</sup>Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

**Scripture:**

John 18:28-19:7, 19:16-19  
(NRSV p. 881 – 882; LP p. 1693 – 1695)

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate’s headquarters.<sup>1</sup> It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters,<sup>2</sup> so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup>So Pilate went out to them and said, ‘What accusation do you bring against this man?’ <sup>30</sup>They answered, ‘If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.’ <sup>31</sup>Pilate said to them, ‘Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.’ The Jews replied, ‘We are not permitted to put anyone to death.’ <sup>32</sup>(This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

<sup>33</sup>Then Pilate entered the headquarters<sup>3</sup> again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’ <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, ‘Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?’ <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, ‘I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?’

<sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.’ <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, ‘So you are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.’ <sup>38</sup>Pilate asked him, ‘What is truth?’

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, ‘I find no case against him. <sup>39</sup>But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?’ <sup>40</sup>They shouted in reply, ‘**Not this man, but Barabbas!**’ Now Barabbas was a bandit. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. <sup>2</sup>And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup>They kept coming up to him, saying, ‘**Hail, King of the Jews!**’ and striking him on the face. <sup>4</sup>Pilate went out again and said to them, ‘Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.’ <sup>5</sup>So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, ‘Here is the man!’

<sup>6</sup>When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, ‘**Crucify him! Crucify him!**’ Pilate said to them, ‘Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.’ <sup>7</sup>The Jews answered him, ‘We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.’

<sup>16</sup>Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus; <sup>17</sup>and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew<sup>2</sup> is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup>There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup>Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, ‘Jesus of Nazareth,<sup>3</sup> the King of the Jews.’

## Hymn #218 verse 2

“Were You There?”

### Scripture:

John 19:23-25, 19:28-30  
(NRSV p. 882; LP p. 1695 – 1696)

<sup>23</sup>When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. <sup>24</sup>So they said to one another, ‘**Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.**’ This was to fulfill what the scripture says, ‘They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.’  
<sup>25</sup>And that is what the soldiers did.

<sup>28</sup>After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), ‘**I am thirsty.**’ <sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the wine, he said, ‘**It is finished.**’ Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

### Senior Choir Anthem

“Come to the Cross”

Joseph Martin

### Scripture:

John 19:38-42 (NRSV p. 882; LP p. 1696)

<sup>38</sup>After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. <sup>39</sup>Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. <sup>40</sup>They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup>Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. <sup>42</sup>And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

## Hymn #218 verse 3

“Were You There?”

### Draping the Cross

### Depart in Silence

## **Communion Note**

The Lord's Table is open to all who confess Jesus as the Christ and seek to follow Christ's way. The Deacons will serve the congregation in the pews. Trays should be passed halfway through the pew and then returned to the same deacon, take the bread or grape juice while the person next to you holds the tray. Please hold the bread and the cup until the Pastor invites everyone to eat or drink. Then quietly place the cup in the holder on the back of the pew.

“Concerning the Communion Service of Palm Schwenkfelder Church, children of our congregation take communion after confirmation. If you choose to have your children partake in Communion please explain the sacred meanings behind the ritual. If you would like to speak with someone on the meanings of Communion please speak with Pastor Nick or any Deacon.”

Note: Gluten-free Communion Wafers (individually wrapped) are provided on the bread trays for people with wheat sensitivity.

Deacons of Palm Schwenkfelder Church

## **Lenten and Holy Week Schedule**

Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Walk begins at 12:00 p.m.

Fellowship at McDonald's Following the Worship Service

Easter Sunday Sunrise Worship, April 5<sup>th</sup>

Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:00 a.m.

Covered-Dish Breakfast Following the Service.

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Easter Sunday Communion Worship Service

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