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MAUNDY THURSDAY

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude “It Happened on That Fateful Night” Wilbur Held

*Call to Worship

We have received through Christ a new covenant.

With broken bread and shared cup, we celebrate it.

This is a night of remembrance and celebration.

It is also a time of fear and betrayal.

At table with Christ, we receive a new commandment.

We are called to love one another as Christ loves us.

We are disciples of Jesus when we love one another.

Through love, we thank God for the gift of Jesus.

In thanks to God, we become a servant to others.

By Jesus' example, we become foot-washers.

We have come to learn from Jesus Christ.

We are ready to follow where Christ leads.

***Hymn #436** “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” We are not always that willing to love one another, especially when others have wronged us for whatever reasons. We hold grudges rather than confront our aggressors. We talk *about* them rather than *to* them. As Judas betrayed Jesus we continue to deceive the risen Christ. As we partake of the Lord's Supper the table is not yet spread with good will. Forgive our reluctance to humble ourselves and wash us anew with the waters of new life. 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

“Loving One Another”

Call to Offering

Offertory

“Were You There?”

Brian Glyncannon

Prayer for the Evening

Remembering the Last Supper

Senior Choir Anthem “A Communion Reflection”

arr. Brad Nix

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 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. ²Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³So 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. ⁴Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, 'For whom are you looking?' ⁵They answered, 'Jesus of Nazareth.'^{*} Jesus replied, 'I am he.'^{*} Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them.

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

¹⁵ 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, ¹⁶but 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. ¹⁷The woman said to Peter, 'You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?' He said, '**I am not.**' ¹⁸Now 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.

^{25b}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.**' ²⁶One 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?' ²⁷Again 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.²⁸ It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters,²⁹ so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. ²⁹So Pilate went out to them and said, ‘What accusation do you bring against this man?’ ³⁰They answered, ‘If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.’ ³¹Pilate 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.’ ³²(This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

³³Then Pilate entered the headquarters³³ again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’ ³⁴Jesus answered, ‘Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?’ ³⁵Pilate 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?’

³⁶Jesus 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.’ ³⁷Pilate 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.’ ³⁸Pilate 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. ³⁹But 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?’ ⁴⁰They shouted in reply, ‘**Not this man, but Barabbas!**’ Now Barabbas was a bandit. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ²And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. ³They kept coming up to him, saying, ‘**Hail, King of the Jews!**’ and striking him on the face. ⁴Pilate 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.’ ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, ‘Here is the man!’

⁶When 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.’ ⁷The 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.’

¹⁶Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus; ¹⁷and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew² is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, ‘Jesus of Nazareth,² 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)

²³When 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. ²⁴So 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.’

²⁵And that is what the soldiers did.

²⁸After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), ‘I am thirsty.’ ²⁹A 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.

³⁰When Jesus had received the wine, he said, ‘**It is finished.**’ Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Hymn #218 verse 3 “Were You There?”

Scripture:

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

³⁸After 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.

³⁹Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. ⁴⁰They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹Now 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. ⁴²And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus 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.”

Deacons of Palm Schwenkfelder Church

Lenten and Holy Week Schedule

Good Friday, April 18th 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 20th
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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