



Evening Prayer on Maundy Thursday 9 April 2020

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Watchword for this day: *He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful. (Psalm 111, 4)*

OPENING

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

P: O Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C: make haste to help me, O Lord,

P+C: Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

P: Let us pray...

PSALM PRAYER (Introit) – Psalm 111

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.

Full of splendour and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;

they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures
forever!

MEDITATION – “Stay with Me” by Taizé

Stay with me, / Remain here with me / Watch and pray, / Watch and pray

EPISTLE READING – 1Corinthians 11, 23-26

23 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

INTERLUDE – “Behold The Lamb” (Communion Hymn)

*Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us – and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.*

*The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
Torn for you – eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us
life
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.*

*The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you – drink and remember
He drained death’s cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.*

*And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond, – and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again!
And we’ll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King*

READING – Exodus 12, 1-4

1 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, 2 “This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you.

3 Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. 4 And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, 6 and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

7 “Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 8 They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. 9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. 10 And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 11 In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord’s Passover.

12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. 13 The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. 14 “This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

SERMON

SILENCE

PRAYER

P: Lord, have mercy. **C:** Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. **P:** *(prays)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

P: Let us bless the Lord. **C:** Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord stay with us during the couple days. He may strengthen us when darkness comes and when we must face the Cross and grave. He may lead us to the new morning of the day which will never fade.

C: Amen.

SONG – “The Table” by Chris Tomlin

*I will feast at the table of the Lord
I will feast at the table of the Lord
I won't hunger anymore
At His table*

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*Come all you weary
Come and find
His yoke is easy
His burden light
He is able, He will restore
At the table of the Lord*

*There is peace at the table of the Lord
There is peace at the table of the Lord
And I won't worry anymore
At His table*

*There is healing at the table of the Lord
There is healing at the table of the Lord
Oh and I won't suffer anymore
At His table oh at His table*

*Come all you weary
Come and find
His yoke is easy
His burden light
He is able, He will restore
At the table of the Lord*

*Oh I know He has a place for me
Oh, what joy will fill my heart
With the saints around the mercy seat of God
Come all you weary
Come and find*

*His yoke is easy
His burden light
He is able, He will restore
At the table of the Lord
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*I'm invited to the table of the Lord
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He says, "Come just as you are"
To His table*