



*Maundy Thursday*  
*April 9, 2020*



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We want to extend a warm welcome to everyone attending this worship service! Especially to you who are guests and visitors, WELCOME!

We at St. Paul's Lutheran share a common belief in **Jesus** as **our Savior** from sin and as the Lord of our lives. Our faith is based on God's Word, revealed in the Bible. We want to share God's Word with as many people as possible because we know that Jesus lived, died and rose from death to save us and all people. We're happy to have the opportunity to share the saving truths of the Bible with you and yours!

**We hope that you will worship with us again!**

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

**Coronavirus situation:** Since we can't all gather in one room for worship this weekend, our service can be viewed online through links from our website, [stpaulshowardsgrove.org](http://stpaulshowardsgrove.org). There will also be a limited range radio broadcast throughout our church parking lot on Sunday morning at 8:00 and 10:30 am on FM 88.3.

**Communion:** Pastor Mueller will be available at church on Good Friday. Please contact him ahead of time to schedule an appointment if you desire communion. During these times, offerings can also be dropped off and scrip purchased.

**DVDs:** There will be a small number of DVDs of this weekend's worship service available to be picked up from the office. They will be ready by Monday afternoon. In order to ensure cleanliness, you do not need to return a DVD. Please consider a small monetary donation (\$2) to cover the cost of the DVD if you take one.

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## MAUNDY THURSDAY

*Christ shows us the full extent of God's love for us. On this day, Jesus gave his followers the new command to love one another. Jesus also commanded them to continue celebrating Communion for the forgiveness of sins and for remembering him. The lessons focus on Christ's command for humility and love. Christ shows the full extent of his love in both service and sacrifice. He loves us more than life and feeds us his body and blood to prove it. Reconciled to God through the body and blood of Christ, we follow his command to love each other.*

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### WELCOME

### HYMN

*The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord | 135 v. 1-3*

- 1 The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
We celebrate with one accord;  
It is our comfort in distress,  
Our heart's sweet joy and happiness.**
- 2 He blotted out with his own blood  
The judgment that against us stood;  
He full atonement for us made,  
And all our debt he fully paid.**
- 3 That this forever true shall be  
He gives a solemn guarantee;  
In this his holy supper here  
We taste his love, so sweet, so near.**

### INVOCATION

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

### CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Dear friends, the Lord Jesus invites us in love along with his disciples to gather with him in the upper room. Let us prepare for this time with the Lord by confessing our sins.

**C: O Lord my God, I confess that my heart was black with sin from the time I was born. I have not loved you with my whole heart, soul, and strength. I have not loved my neighbor as myself. I have hated your commands, loved my own ways, and set my desires on things that lead to death. I deserve your wrath both now and in eternity. Have mercy on me, a sinner!**

M: This is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the whole world. The Father was pleased with his Son's life of love and his redeeming death. Now nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus, your risen Lord. As a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**HYMN** *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* | 358 v. 1-3

**1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
And drives away all fear.**

**2 It makes the wounded spirit whole  
And calms the heart's unrest;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul  
And to the weary, rest.**

**3 Dear name! The rock on which I build,  
My shield and hiding place,  
My never-failing treasury filled  
With boundless stores of grace.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**M:** Let us pray. Holy God, source of love, on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: to love one another as he had loved them. By your Holy Spirit, write this commandment on our hearts and in our lives. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## THE WORD

LESSON

*1 Corinthians 11:23-28*

*Paul leads the Corinthians to examine their preparation and celebration of the Lord's Supper.*

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup> 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." <sup>25</sup> In the same way, after the meal, he also took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new testament in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

<sup>27</sup> Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the Lord's body and blood. <sup>28</sup> Instead, let a person examine himself and after doing so, let him eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

HYMN OF THE DAY

*My Song Is Love Unknown* | 110 v. 1, 2, 7

**1 My song is love unknown,  
My Savior's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown  
That they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I  
That for my sake  
My Lord should take  
Frail flesh and die?**

**2 He came from his blest throne  
Salvation to bestow,  
But such disdain! So few  
The longed-for Christ would know!  
But oh, my friend,  
My friend indeed,  
Who at my need  
His life did spend!**

**7 Here might I stay and sing;  
No story so divine,  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend,  
In whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
Could gladly spend!**

## **GOSPEL**

*John 13:1-15, 34*

*Jesus displayed love by washing his disciples' feet and commanded them to love one another.*

<sup>1</sup> Before the Passover Festival, Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved those who were his own in the world, he loved them to the end.

<sup>2</sup> By the time the supper took place, the Devil had already put the idea into the heart of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

<sup>3</sup> Jesus knew that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God. <sup>4</sup> He got up from the supper and laid aside his outer garment. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. <sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

<sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who asked him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

<sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, "You do not understand what I am doing now, but later you will understand."

<sup>8</sup> Peter told him, "You will never, ever, wash my feet!"

Jesus replied, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with me."

<sup>9</sup> "Lord, not just my feet," Simon Peter replied, "but also my hands and my head!"

<sup>10</sup> Jesus told him, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet, but his body is completely clean. And you are clean, but not all of you." <sup>11</sup> Indeed, he knew who was going to betray him. That is why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup> After Jesus had washed their feet and put on his outer garment, he reclined at the table again. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. <sup>13</sup> "You call me Teacher and Lord. You are right, because I am. <sup>14</sup> Now if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> Yes, I have given you an example so that you also would do just as I have done for you.

<sup>34</sup> "A new commandment I give you: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, so also you are to love one another."

## SERMON

*John 13:1-15, 34*

### *Love that Goes the Distance* *Serving - Washing - Teaching*

## OFFERING

*Online giving options available*

*In thanks for our Savior's boundless love, we set aside a generous portion of all we receive to support the spread of his love in our community and around the world.*



## LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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 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.**

## THANKSGIVING

**M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being**

strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **THE BENEDICTION**

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

*What Wondrous Love Is This* | 120 v. 1, 3, 4

**1** 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 bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

**2** When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,

When I was sinking down, sinking down,

When I was sinking down Beneath God's righteous frown,

Christ laid aside his crown For my soul, for my soul,

Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

**4** And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for me,

And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

And through eternity I'll sing on.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for me,

And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

And through eternity I'll sing on.

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