

First Reading:**Exodus 24:3-11**

³Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do." ⁴And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. ⁶And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. ⁷Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." ⁸And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words." ⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

Second Reading:**1 Corinthians 10:16-17****Gospel:****Mark 14:12-26**

¹²On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" ¹³And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, ¹⁴and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." ¹⁶And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. ¹⁷And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." ¹⁹They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" ²⁰He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. ²¹For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." ²²And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." ²³And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." ²⁶And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.



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Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2024

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MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024 – 7:00PM

Welcome! Tonight, we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. All who believe that Christ is present in this Sacrament are invited to share in His supper. The inner glasses on the tray are grape juice or water, the rest, wine. Children who have not received Communion instruction should kneel at the altar with their arms crossed upon their chest to receive a Baptismal blessing.

The stripping of the altar at the conclusion of our Communion service is a liturgical practice used to show the connection between Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, between the institution of the Lord's Supper, and the death of our Lord on the cross. For it was “in the night in which He was betrayed” that our Lord Jesus Christ took bread and wine and instituted this means of grace, this Holy Sacrament.

LBW-green hymnal *Please stand as able.

Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

*Invocation

*Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you left to us a wonderful sacrament, a memorial of your passion. Grant, we beseech you, that we may so partake of this sacrament of your body and blood that the fruits of your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: “Let Us Break Bread Together”

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*Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

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The Absolution: Those who desire individual absolution with laying on of hands, please come forward and kneel before the altar.

Psalm 116:12-19 (responsively by whole verse)

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*Gospel

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Sermon: **“NEW COVENANT”**

*Hymn of the Day: “O Living Bread from Heaven”

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Communion Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

Closing Hymn: “Abide with Me”

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The Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22 is read by the Lay Reader. Jesus cried out the first verse of this Psalm from the cross.

PLEASE LEAVE IN SILENCE.

GOOD FRIDAY, March 29, 7:00 p.m.: Good Friday (darkness) service.

PRAYER VIGIL: The prayer vigil will begin after the Good Friday Service. Many half-hour time slots are still left, offering you private time in the sanctuary for prayer and reflection. Devotional materials will be provided. Sign up in the narthex at the Prayer Vigil cross to reserve your time slot.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30: There is no Saturday service. Participation in the Prayer Vigil is a meaningful alternative.

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

7:00 a.m.: Easter Sunrise Service

8:00 a.m.: Easter Breakfast

9:30 a.m.: Easter Festival Communion Service

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