

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church Tucson, Arizona

April 5, 2012 7:00 PM

SILENT PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Lord, we come into your presence with penitent hearts, for we daily sin and deserve your punishment. Yet, Lord, you encourage us to come to your Table and remember what you have accomplished for us on the cross. May your body and blood, given and poured out for us, comfort our guilt-ridden hearts with the assurance of forgiveness. Give us strength to remain faithful in the midst of life's challenges. For your sake. Amen.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

This Is My Will

Arr. by Koiné

WELCOME

HYMN

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord Christian Worship #135 st. 1-5

Please stand

OPENING RESPONSES (Psalm 95:6-7)

Minister: Come, let us bow down in worship,
Cong: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

M: for he is our God

Cong: and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

All: Amen.

PRAYER

M: Lord Jesus, this day was a solemn day for you and is now a sacred day for us. As we meditate on the Old Testament Passover and the New Testament Lord's Supper, help us hear your Word with understanding and celebrate your Supper with a genuine appreciation for what it cost you and what it means for us. Deepen our desire to reflect your commitment to us in our devotion to you.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. The animals you choose must be yearold males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire,

along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire—head, legs and inner parts. Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover. On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance."

PSALM 116

- M: I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;
- C: he heard my cry for mercy.
- M: Because he turned his ear to me,
- C: I will call on him as long as I live.
- M: The LORD is gracious and righteous;
- C: when I was in great need, he saved me.
- M: For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,
- C: my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
- M: How can I repay the LORD
- C: for all his goodness to me?
- M: I will lift up the cup of salvation
- C: and call on the name of the LORD.

PSALM PRAYER

- M: In our great need, Lord God, almighty Father, we come for mercy. You have delivered us from death and from sorrow through your Son, our Savior.
- C: May we receive the blessings of your grace in faith. For the sake of your Son, our Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

Please stand

GOSPEL Mark 14:12-26

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?" So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover. When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me."

They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, "Surely not 1?" "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who dips bread into the bowl with me. The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born." While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, and they all drank from it. "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them. "I tell you the truth, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it anew in the kingdom of God." When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Please be seated

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When You Woke That Thursday Morning Christian Worship Supplement #717

SERMON

Receive the Blessings of the Cross

Luke 22:19-20

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

Please remain seated

OFFERING

Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest this evening, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.

Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the row and pass it along.

Thank You!

PRAYER & CONFESSION

M: Heavenly Father, in your grace and mercy,

C: forgive the sins of my youth.

M: In your grace and mercy,

C: forgive the times I have trusted you too little.

M: In your grace and mercy,

C: forgive the times I have neglected your house or the study of your word.

M: In your grace and mercy,

C: forgive the times I have forgotten to pray.

M: In your grace and mercy,

C: forgive the times that I have failed to treat others as I would have them treat me.

M: In your grace and mercy,

C: forgive the times I have failed to help my neighbor in need.

M: In your grace and mercy,

C: forgive the times I have spoken unkind words.

M: In your grace and mercy,

C: forgive the times I have been unforgiving.

M: In your grace and mercy,

C: forgive the times I have not loved you with my whole heart and soul and mind.

M: I now ask you before our merciful God, who knows and searches the heart, "Do you sincerely mean what you have said, truly seek the Lord's forgiveness, and intend by the power of the Holy Spirit to change your sinful life and live for the Lord?"

If so, then answer—YES.

M: Upon this your confession, I assure you that our almighty and merciful God has given his only Son to die for you, and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed your sins from you. You are forgiven. Go and sin no more.

ALL: AMEN.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN

'Twas on that Dark, that Doleful Night Christian Worship #136

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Our church practices "Member Communion." If you are a guest this evening and are a confirmed member of another WELS church, we invite you to the Lord's Table with us. If you are a guest and are not a member of one of our Wisconsin Synod churches, we ask that you would speak to one of the pastors after church tonight or at some other time to discuss receiving the Lord's Supper with us in the future.

We provide **gluten-free communion wafers** for those with wheat allergy, gluten-sensitivity or celiac disease. These wafers are stored and handled separately to avoid cross-contamination. They are "bread" as Scripture requires and are consecrated along with the rest of the bread. For those requiring gluten-free wafers, please take one from the container on the stand located at the front rail as you approach for communion. Simply hold it so that the pastor can see it at the time of distribution.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

VOICES OF GRACE O Lord. Bread of Life

O Lord, bread of life, we come to your table and praise your name; Lord, we take your cup in thanks and celebration, your name we proclaim, You set us free, we rest in thee, O Lord, you died that we may live for all eternity.

O Lord of peace and love, I eat your bread and drink your cup, come live in me; O Lord from God above, your blood was shed upon the tree, you set me free, I rest in thee, O Lord, you died that I may live for all eternity. Amen.

Please stand

PRAYER

ALL: Dearest Jesus, we thank you for the gift of your body and blood, given and shed for the salvation of our souls. Thank you for strengthening us with your Word and Sacrament this night. Be with us now as we leave your house with the comfort of your love and forgiveness. Amen.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

C: Amen.

Please be seated

CLOSING HYMN

O Lord, We Praise You Christian Worship #317

POSTLUDE

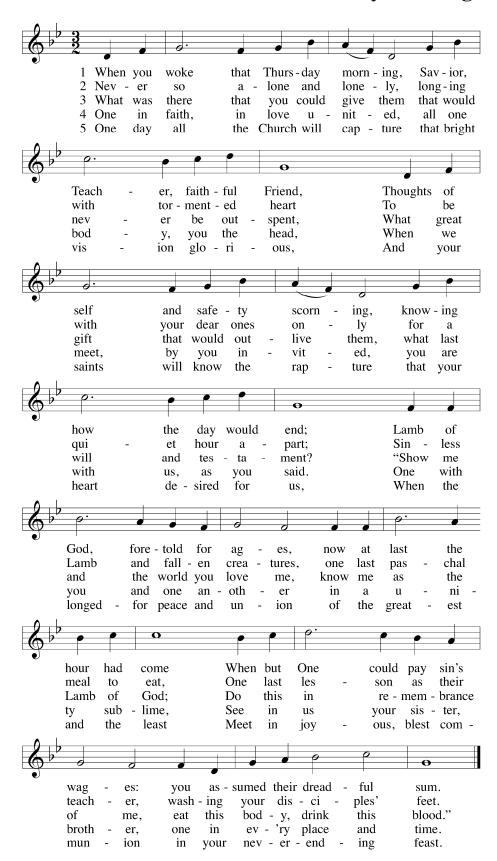
Once Again
Arr. by Tom Fetke

Those assisting in worship:

Service Pastor Ron Koehler Organist Elaine Goldie
Communion Pastor Sam Clemons Voices of Grace Director Beth Kassulke

Sound & Recording Tech Jay Pauley

717 When You Woke That Thursday Morning



The hymn writer Jaroslav Vajda vividly recounts the events of Maundy Thursday as they may have looked from the perspective of our Savior.

GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER SERVICES

Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7:00 PM



Tenebrae (Latin for 'darkness') is a devotional service based on various phases of our Lord's pilgrimage from the Upper Room to the Cross. It is intended to bring to mind and heart the closing hours of Jesus' Passion by recreating the unforgettable in word and symbol. As the service progresses, darkness is gradually produced by lights and candles being extinguished, symbolizing the darkness which surrounded the cross at Calvary.

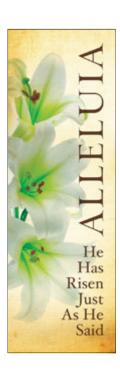
Easter Celebrations

At Grace-Vail

Worshiping at Cottonwood Elementary 9950 E. Rees Loop

8:00 AM Easter Breakfast

9:00 AM Easter Festival Worship



At Grace-University

830 N. First Avenue

7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service 8:00 AM Easter Breakfast 9:00 AM Easter Concert 10:00 AM Easter Festival Worship