

# Maundy Thursday



April 9, 2020 - 7:00 pm

**St. Martin's Lutheran Church**  
203 South Defiance Street + Archbold, Ohio  
Rev. Paul Reichert, Pastor

## Worship Notes

*With nightfall and the beginning of this liturgy, our Lenten observance comes to its culmination. We gather with Christians around the world in celebrating the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Our remembering is more than a retracing of the last days of Jesus' life. Rather, throughout these Three Days, we participate in the saving power of Jesus' passover from death to life. As the Three Days begin, we are invited to glory in the cross of Christ—our salvation, our life, our resurrection.*

*On this night we hear Jesus' new commandment (mandatum, from which the word Maundy comes) to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example, living out our baptismal vocation with humility and care for one another, and especially for the poor and the unloved.*

*We pause to remember the sacrifice of Jesus' life. His love was revealed in the emptying of his life for us. Contrary to our traditions, this year we cannot gather together in sharing the holy meal. In sharing the holy meal, we become what we eat and drink: the body of Christ, offering ourselves in love for the life of the world. Focusing on Jesus' new commandment, we can still carry out our love for one another as the body of Christ through prayer for one another. The technology we have can be seen as a gift and can provide ways to connect that we haven't considered until now.*

*At the conclusion of tonight's liturgy, all adornments on the altar and in the chancel are removed, preparing us for Good Friday. Through this stark ritual we recall that Jesus was abandoned by his followers, stripped of his dignity, and left to face the cross alone. A bare chancel will be the setting for tomorrow's worship service. No benediction is given as we close our Holy Week services because they are one continuous service. We conclude the service in silence, ready to continue the celebration of the Three Days on Good Friday.*

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### Prelude

**"I Call to Thee Lord Jesus Christ"** – J.S. Bach

**"Beloved, God's Chosen"** – Robert Hobby

*Beloved, God's chosen, put on as a garment  
compassion, forgiveness, and goodness of heart.  
Above all, before all, let love be your raiment  
that binds into one every dissonant part.*

*Within, call forth Wisdom, to dwell in you richly;  
let peace rule your hearts, and that peace be of Christ.  
And from the heart's chamber, beloved and holy,  
let singing thanksgiving to God ever rise.*

# Words of Welcome

## Greeting & Prayer

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

### **And also with you.**

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **Amen**

## ***“Come and Fill Our Hearts with Your Peace”***

*Sung multiple times*

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are centered below the staves.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. A - - - men  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. A - - - men

The second system of music also consists of two staves in the same key signature and clefs as the first system. The melody continues with a final cadence. The lyrics are centered below the staves.

## Old Testament Readings

## Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

*The people of Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's Supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.*

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

<sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

## Numbers 9:1-5

*After their freedom from the Egyptians, the Lord instructs Moses to continue the observance of the Passover.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying: <sup>2</sup>Let the Israelites keep the passover at its appointed time. <sup>3</sup>On the fourteenth day of this month, at twilight, you shall keep it at its appointed time; according to all its statutes and all its regulations you shall keep it. <sup>4</sup>So Moses told the Israelites that they should keep the passover. <sup>5</sup>They kept the passover in the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, at twilight, in the wilderness of Sinai. Just as the LORD had commanded Moses, so the Israelites did.

## Gospel Reading

## John 13:1-17; 31-35

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. <sup>31b</sup>"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

# Message

# *“For Their Sake”*

## Hymn

## *“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”*



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;  
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light  
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:  
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.  
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

## Confession and Forgiveness

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, and enter the paschal celebration reconciled with God and with one another.

*(Silence for personal reflection and self-examination.)*

Merciful Father,

**I am a troubled sinner,**

**and I confess to you all the sins with which I have offended you  
and for which I justly deserve your punishment.**

**I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your  
boundless mercy.**

**Be gracious and merciful to me and forgive my sins,  
give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life,  
and bring me to life everlasting. Amen**

Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgive us all our sins. Through his Holy Spirit he cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of his light. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Peace

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. *(2 Corinthians 13:11)*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## Prayers of the Church

*The following Refrain is sung to begin prayer and after each petition...*



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.

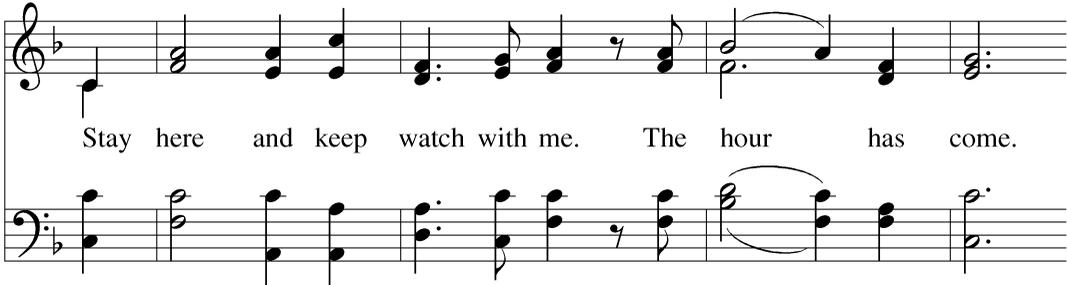
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.

## The 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 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.**

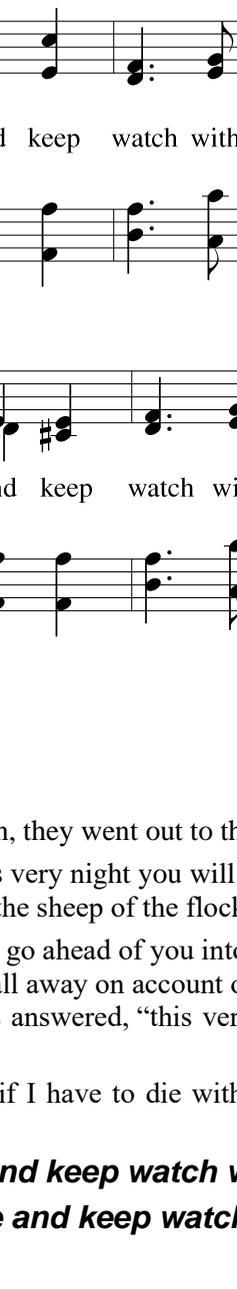
## The Stripping of the Chancel

*At the beginning and after each section of scripture, the following refrain is sung:*



Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come.

The first musical system consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a C4 quarter note, followed by a D4 quarter note, then a pair of E4 and F4 eighth notes. This is followed by a pair of G4 and A4 eighth notes, then a pair of B4 and C5 eighth notes. The melody continues with a D5 quarter note, an E5 quarter note, and a pair of F5 and G5 eighth notes. The bass staff provides accompaniment with a C3 half note, followed by a D3 half note, then a pair of E3 and F3 eighth notes. This is followed by a pair of G3 and A3 eighth notes, then a pair of B3 and C4 eighth notes. The bass line continues with a D4 quarter note, an E4 quarter note, and a pair of F4 and G4 eighth notes.



Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray.

The second musical system also consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a C4 quarter note, followed by a D4 quarter note, then a pair of E4 and F4 eighth notes. This is followed by a pair of G4 and A4 eighth notes, then a pair of B4 and C5 eighth notes. The melody continues with a D5 quarter note, an E5 quarter note, and a pair of F5 and G5 eighth notes. The bass staff provides accompaniment with a C3 half note, followed by a D3 half note, then a pair of E3 and F3 eighth notes. This is followed by a pair of G3 and A3 eighth notes, then a pair of B3 and C4 eighth notes. The bass line continues with a D4 quarter note, an E4 quarter note, and a pair of F4 and G4 eighth notes.

### Matthew 26:30-50

*The following text is provided for your reflection.*

<sup>30</sup>When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus told them, “This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: “I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.”

<sup>32</sup>But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

<sup>33</sup>Peter replied, “Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will.”

<sup>34</sup>“I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.”

<sup>35</sup>But Peter declared, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the other disciples said the same.

***Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come.***

***Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray.***

<sup>36</sup>Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” <sup>37</sup>He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. <sup>38</sup>Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”

<sup>39</sup>Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

***Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come.***

***Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray.***

<sup>40</sup>Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter. <sup>41</sup>“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.”

<sup>42</sup>He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.”

<sup>43</sup>When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup>So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

***Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come.***

***Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray.***

<sup>45</sup>Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup>Rise, let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

<sup>47</sup>While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup>Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.” <sup>49</sup>Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.

<sup>50</sup>Jesus replied, “Friend, do what you came for.”

Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him.

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***Our worship continues tomorrow evening.***

***Go in peace.***

**Organist/Pianist** - Steve Basselman

**Lector** – Erin Reichert

**APRIL 10 – GOOD FRIDAY**

6:00 am to 6:00pm Prayer Vigil from your homes

7:30 pm Worship

**APRIL 12 - EASTER SUNDAY AT ST. MARTIN'S**

7:00am Easter Vigil Sunrise Service with Pastor Paul

10:00am Festival Service  
a time of organ and trumpet music begins worship

**APRIL 13 – EASTER MONDAY MUSIC**

The tradition of Easter Monday is observed in most European countries, but not in the United States. So, we're taking this unique opportunity to continue the celebration of Easter. Steve Basselman will perform some festive organ music through Facebook Live at 7:00pm on April 13 and will later be posted to YouTube.

All events will be broadcast at their scheduled times through Facebook Live and will be posted later to YouTube

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