

Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021

LBW 126 *"Where Charity and Love Prevail"*

Grace and peace to you from God our Father, and from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Let us pray. Holy God, source of all love, in the night before his death, Jesus gathered his friends together for a meal. Gather us together now to share that same meal in remembrance of our Lord Jesus, to remember both his gift of love on the cross and his command to love one another as he loved us. Amen.

Scripture: *Exodus 12:21-27, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26,
John 13:1-17, Matthew 5:9*

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Message: *"Blessed Are the Peacemakers"*

WOV 765 *"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"*

The Prayers

WOV 664 *"A New Commandment"*

Confession and Forgiveness

Jesus said: Truly I say to you, one of you will betray me.

Lord, is it I?

Jesus said: 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."

Lord, is it I?

Jesus said: Truly I say to you, this very night before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.

Lord, is it I?

Jesus said: Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers and sisters.

Lord, is it I?

Jesus said: Couldn't you pray with me for one hour? Watch and pray that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Lord, is it I?

Jesus said: A new commandment I give you. Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

Lord, is it I?

Let us confess our sins to God.

Most merciful Lord,

your love has gathered us at this meal.

Our hands and hearts are unclean.

We are not fit even to eat crumbs from under your table.

We have betrayed you in selfishness.

We have abandoned you in faithlessness.

We have disowned you in fear.

We have fallen asleep in coldness of heart.

We have ignored your command to love others as you loved us.

We have neglected you in the face of the needy.

But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation.

You share your bread with sinners.

So cleanse us and feed us with your precious body and blood that we may serve in your kingdom. Amen.

According to the command and promise of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins. Our Lord Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper as a sign and seal of the forgiveness he has given to you. Therefore, let us draw near to his table of grace with confidence so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Words of Institution

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world You gave Your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to You for the salvation You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy Supper. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

WOV 709 "Eat This Bread"

The Communion

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you in his grace and keep you in his eternal life. Amen.

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, in this holy supper you have given us a testament of your suffering and death. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the way we live will proclaim the redemption you have bought; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WOV 740 "Jesus, Remember Me"

(We depart in silence.)