

Maundy Thursday
Stockholm Lutheran Church
March 29, 2018

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** Page and hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal ("Worship") **

** Jesus commands us to "love one another." **

GATHERING MUSIC

Carol Barnaal

WELCOME

CONFESSION

P: Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season our Lord has called us to struggle against sin, death, and the devil— everything that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called, when God made us his people in baptism. Within the community of the Church, God rejoices in forgiving sin, and giving us peace that only God's forgiveness can bring.

C: On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor and enter the celebration of these Three Holy Days, reconciled with God and with one another.

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

P: Most merciful God,

C: We are your people. We confess that often we have not shown Jesus' love to others. When we fail to love others as he loves us...forgive us. Where we have promised to be loyal to him and then betrayed or denied him...renew us. By your Spirit make us faithful when trials tempt us away from you. Do this we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOD'S FORGIVENESS

HYMN: "My Song Is Love Unknown" (v. 1-3, 6) # 343
(Tune: ELW # 640)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you; **C: And also with you.**

C: Holy God, Source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us all a new commandment: to love one another as he has loved us.

Write this commandment in our hearts and give us the will to serve others as he was servant of all. This we pray in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING Exodus 12

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

WE WELCOME THE GOSPEL

All: Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you."

GOSPEL READING John 13:1-17, 31-35

SERMON Rev. Mark L. Little

HYMN: "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (v. 1-3) # 347

PRAYERS (P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer**)

SHARING GOD'S PEACE WITH ONE ANOTHER

OFFERING SO THE WORLD MAY LOVE ONE ANOTHER

OFFERING PRAYER

ALL: God our Provider, you do not give us daily bread alone, but also feed us with your promises, grace and fullness of Life in you. Bless us and these gifts gathered here, which we have received from the Your goodness. Make us to be your hands that serve all people in need. Prepare our hearts now to receive the Bread of Life--Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

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CONSECRATION OF BREAD/WINE - JESUS IS PRESENT

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INVITATION TO THE LORD'S BANQUET *P: The mystery hidden for the ages is revealed for us in this meal. Come, behold and receive your God.*

WE RECEIVE OUR LORD JESUS IN HOLY COMMUNION

HYMNS DURING HOLY COMMUNION

"Lamb of God" Page 154

"Were You There" # 353

"Healer of Our Every Ill" # 612

COMMUNION BLESSING / PRAYER

PROCESSION TO THE CROSS—Come forward as the hymn begins and continue throughout the hymn.

HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" # 351

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

(Portions of Psalm 22 and Psalm 88 are read as the altar is stripped. The church is left in semi-darkness. We now remember Jesus being tortured and nailed to the cross, and his agonizing death as he hung on the cross. Symbolically, Jesus the Christ is stripped of his power and glory, and is now in the hands of his captors.

(Please leave the church in silence.)



MAUNDY
Thursday

**Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday, March 29, 2018**

HOLY COMMUNION – ALL ARE WELCOME! Holy Communion is a gift of God (the real presence of Jesus) that gives us forgiveness of sin and heavenly strength for our life and faith in Jesus Christ. All who believe Jesus is their Savior and desire to receive the Meal of Life from heaven are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion today.

PROCESSION TO THE CROSS You are invited to come forward and hammer a nail in the cross, signifying the fact that your sin, with the sin of all humanity, made it necessary for Jesus, the Holy Lamb of God, to be condemned, suffer and die on the cross. Because of his suffering, salvation was made available to all who believe, through a relationship with God, our Heavenly Father.

THANK YOU

- to the Altar Guild for their work with the service.
- to Brad and Denise Harkman for the set-up and preparation of the Rugged Cross.
- to Eleanor Olson for the Holy Communion bread.

GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY WORSHIP will be held Friday, March 30, from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Continue your Holy Week devotion to Jesus by attending this meaningful event of singing and hearing God’s Word preached on the powerful “Seven Last Words” Jesus spoke in his last hours while dying on the cross. Pastor Mark will preach on the “Fifth Word” of Jesus on the cross at 1:40 pm. An ensemble of Stockholm singers will be representing Stockholm and singing during the 2:30-2:50 time frame.

EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

- ***Sunrise Easter worship** -- 7:00 am. Led by Stockholm Youth / Family ministry.
- ***Easter Breakfast** -- 8:00 am
- ***Stockholm Choir practice** – 8:30 am
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