

**Zion Lutheran Church**  
Fredericksburg, Texas  
**Maundy Thursday Worship**

April 6, 2023 – 6:00PM

P=Presider R=Response

**BELLS, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)*

**PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC**

**GREETING**

P Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,

**R who redeems us from sin and death.**

P For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death, even death on the cross.

**R Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

**GATHERING HYMN** *“My Song Is Love Unknown”* (vs.1,2,3) **HYMN NO. 343**  
**to tune NO. 640**

**My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.**

**Oh, who am I that for my sake  
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?**

**He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow;  
the world that was his own would not its Savior know.**

**But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed,  
who at my need his life did spend!  
Who at my need his life did spend!**

**Sometimes we strew his way and his sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day hosannas to our king.**

**Then “Crucify!” is all our breath,  
and for his death we thirst and cry,  
And for his death we thirst and cry.**

Text: Samuel Crossman, 1624-1683, alt.

**THE SEVENTH READING** John 19:17-22

*Emma O'Neal*

L The Word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

*“In the Hour of Trial”*

**LBW NO. 106**

**In the hour of trial, Jesus, plead for me,  
lest by base denial I depart from thee.  
When thou seest me waver, with a look recall;  
nor from fear or favor suffer me to fall.**

**With forbidden pleasures should this vain world charm,  
or its sordid treasures spread to work me harm,  
bring to my remembrance sad Gethsemane,  
or, in darker semblance, cross-crowned Calvary.**

**Should thy mercy send me sorrow, toil, and woe,  
or should pain attend me on my path below,  
grant that I may never fail thy hand to see;  
grant that I may ever cast my care on thee.**

**THE EIGHTH READING** Galatians 6:14-16, 18

*Emily Beyer*

L The Word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

*“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*

**HYMN NO. 803**

**When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss  
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;**

**love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

**HYMN** "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (vs.1,2,4) **HYMN NO. 351**

**O sacred head, now wounded,  
with grief and shame weighed down,  
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;  
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.**

**How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;  
how does thy face now languish, which once was bright as morn!  
Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain;  
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.**

**Lord, be my consolation; shield me when I must die;  
remind me of thy passion when my last hour draws nigh.  
These eyes, new faith receiving, from thee shall never move;  
for all who die believing die safely in thy love.**

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite

**THE SIXTH READING** Luke 23:13-25 **Jim O'Neal**

L The Word of the Lord.  
R **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN** "Ah, Holy Jesus" (vs.1,2,3,4) **HYMN NO. 349**

**Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended  
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.**

**Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.**

**Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;  
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;  
for our atonement, while we nothing heeded, God interceded.**

**For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,  
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;  
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.**

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt.

**MESSAGE**

**Rev. Kay Johnson**

**PRAYER**

P Let us pray. Holy God, source of love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: to love one another as he had loved them. By your Holy Spirit write this commandment in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

R **Amen**

**THE FIRST READING** Luke 18:9-13 **Doug Reitenga**

L The Word of the Lord.  
R **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN** "Chief of Sinners though I Be" (vs.1,2,5) **HYMN NO. 609**

**Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed his blood for me,  
died that I might live on high, lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.**

**Oh, the height of Jesus' love! Higher than the heav'ns above,  
deeper than the depths of sea, lasting as eternity.  
Love that found me—wondrous thought—  
found me when I sought him not.**

**O my Savior, help afford by your Spirit and your word!  
When my wayward heart would stray, keep me in the narrow way;  
grace in time of need supply while I live and when I die.**

Text: William McComb, 1793-1870

**THE SECOND READING** Psalm 119:121-125, 133 **Doug Reitenga**

L The Word of the Lord.  
R **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN** "Lord, Jesus, Think on Me" **HYMN NO. 599**

**Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin;  
from selfish passions set me free and make me pure within.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me, by anxious thoughts oppressed;  
let me your loving servant be and taste your promised rest.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray;  
through darkness and perplexity point out your chosen way.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,  
I may the eternal brightness see and share your joy at last.**

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375-430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808-1896, alt.

**THE THIRD READING** Matthew 26:17-19, 26-29 **Margaret Solbrig**

L The Word of the Lord.

R **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN** "Let Us Break Bread Together" **HYMN NO. 471**

**Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

Text: African American spiritual

**HOLY COMMUNION**

P When we eat this bread, we share in the body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share in the blood of Christ. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Welcome to the table of the Lord.

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Go in peace.

R **Amen**

**THE FOURTH READING** Matthew 26:36-45 **Margaret Solbrig**

L The Word of the Lord.

R **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN** "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (vs.1,2,3) **HYMN NO. 347**

**Go to dark Gethsemane,  
all who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
your Redeemer's conflict see.  
Watch with him one bitter hour;  
turn not from his griefs away;  
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

**Follow to the judgment hall,  
view the Lord of life arraigned;  
oh, the wormwood and the gall!  
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;  
learn from him to bear the cross.**

**Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;  
there, adoring at his feet,  
mark that miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear him cry;  
learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854

**THE FIFTH READING** Matthew 27:27-31 **Jim O'Neal**

L The Word of the Lord.

R **Thanks be to God.**

**THE NINTH READING**

Luke 23:33-46

*Greg Oehler*

L The Word of the Lord.

R **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

“Were You There” (vs.1,2,5)

**HYMN NO. 353**

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.**

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

**Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.**

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

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**Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.**

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

Text: African American spiritual

**STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

*(Reading of Luke 23:33-46 in German by Arleen Crenwelge)*

**REMOVAL OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE**

**DISMISSAL**

The Lord’s Prayer *(whispered)*

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

R **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**

*Pianist continues to play.*

There is NO benediction; please leave the church in silence.

Worship continues on Friday at 6pm.

*Please exit the Sanctuary in silence.*

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**Maundy  
Thursday**

*Communion is a special time, receiving grace through bread and wine  
Confessing sin, we celebrate; forgiven again for heaven’s sake!*

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**Video on Zion’s YouTube Channel at 6:00PM**

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Transitional Pastor – Rev. Kay Johnson

Pianist – Betty Scrogin

Choir Director – Rhonda Behrends

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