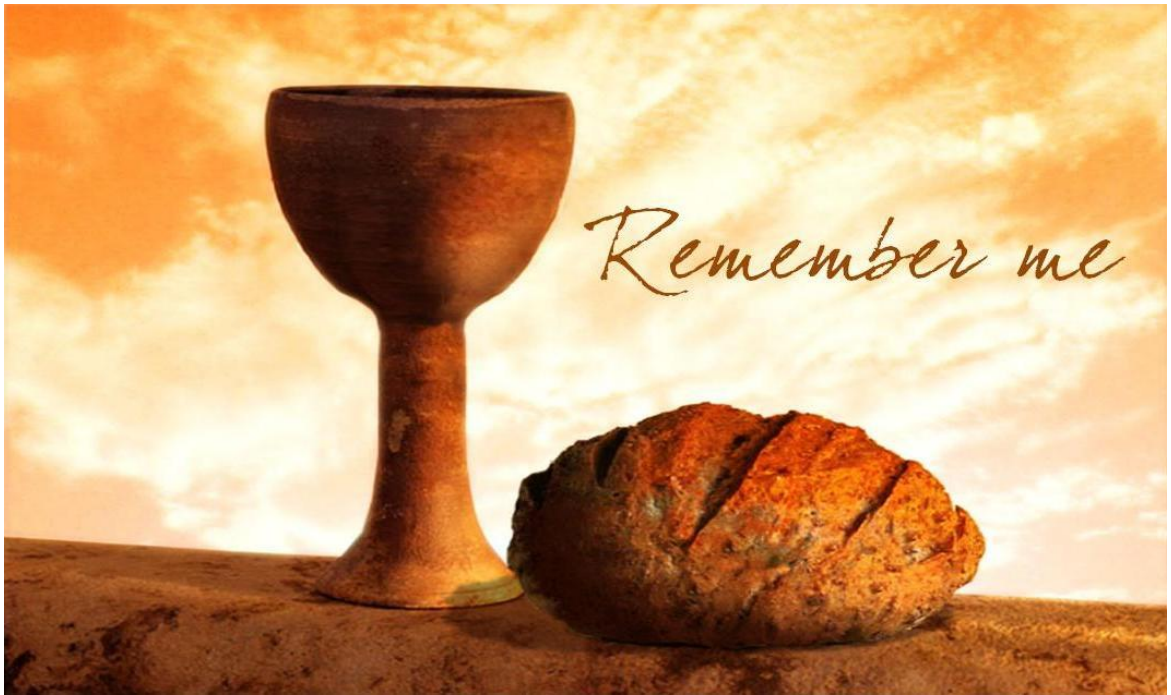


Worship Celebration: April 9, 2020

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Holy Thursday
FULL TEXT

Holy Thursday Celebration



Passover tells the story of the Israelites' journey from slavery to freedom. You can taste and feel how different Passover is from any other night of the year. It is a celebration of Freedom. It is the night of liberation! In the Christian tradition Holy Thursday commemorates the night Jesus brought his disciples together to celebrate Passover. He knew it would be their last meal together. It too was different from any other night for it would include the offering of Christ's presence, in the form of bread and cup, to sustain and encourage the disciples until He would come again. Tonight we share the bread and cup, the symbols of the Seder and the washing of hands – all signs that point to God's love for us and the power of this Holy Week. Thanks for worshipping with us this evening!

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IN REMEMBRANCE

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In remembrance of me, eat this bread.
In remembrance of me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick.
In remembrance of me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother in, let him in.

Take, eat and be comforted, drink and remember, too,
That this is my body and precious blood, shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth,
In remembrance of me, always love.
In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart,
In your heart. Look in your heart for God.

Do this in remembrance of me.

Welcome

Vicki

Gospel Reading

**John 13:1-17, 31b-35*

Todd

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.

The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him.

And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself.

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.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me."

Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

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."

For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

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?"

You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am.

So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater

than the one who sent them.

If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.

If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

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.'

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

You Feed Us, Gentle Savior

1. You feed us, gentle Savior, the bread that makes us whole,
the wine of your compassion poured out into our soul.
The good of your own presence, your Spirit, strong, within,
the grace that heals us deeply and overcomes our sin.
2. You bind us, gentle Savior, and weave us into one,
one flesh and blood made holy, the Body of your Son.
We gather here in hunger, one hunger, all the same;
and with one grace you bless us together in his name.
3. You call us, gentle Savior, and send us in your name.
You teach and heal and show us how we can do the same.
So, strengthened by your Spirit and nourished by your grace,
we go to be your presence in love, in every place.

Opening Blessing:

The first act of the Jewish Passover meal is a blessing.

Vicki

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

Blessed are you, Lord God, who has chosen us among all peoples and sanctified us with Your commandments. In love you have given us solemn days of joy and festive seasons of gladness, even this day of the feast of the unleavened bread, a memorial of the departure from Egypt. You have chosen us for Your service. Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who has preserved us, and brought us to this season.

Psalm Lesson

Psalm 25:1-2, 16-18

Vicki

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress.

Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Todd

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you.

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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.

Disciples Gathered Gladly

1. Disciples gathered gladly to share the Seder meal;
they came all unsuspecting the grief they soon would feel.
Their Lord began to tell them his hour of death was near;
the one who would betray him could see his pathway clear.
2. Then as they sat at supper he blessed and broke the bread.
“This is my body broken for love of you,” he said.
“Take each of you a portion, remembering when you do,
as often as you eat it, my life laid down for you.”
3. And when the meal was finished, he poured a cup of wine.
“This cup is the new covenant and your salvation’s sign.”
Through my death are forgiven your sins, both great and small.
Drink, each of you, remembering my blood poured out for all.”

***Gospel Lesson**

Mark 14:12-16, 22-25

Vicki

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, “Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?”
So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’
He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready.
Make preparations for us there.”
So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.
While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.”
Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.
Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it

new in the kingdom of God.”

Gather Us In (v3)

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Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons & your daughters call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;

Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

No PPTs – Vicky & Todd on camera

TODD: We will continue now with the Lord's Supper. Each of you at home should have what you are going to use as the elements. Bring them near to you now as we prepare to bless them in the communion liturgy that follows.

VICKI: By faith, God's people were saved by the blood of the lamb that first Passover.

Tonight we remember the words of John the Baptist when he saw Jesus coming to be baptized? "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the Lord."

By faith, we are saved today through Christ who was willing to shed his blood for us and the world.

TODD: In the Eucharist we proclaim the words of St. Paul -
"Christ the Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore, let us keep the feast.

Remembering how, in the Passover Meal, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me"

VICKI: Then, when the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

So now pour out your Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and the fruit of the vine. Make these gifts the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

TODD: By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast, all together, at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your Holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen**

***The Lord's Prayer PPT**

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Sharing the Meal VICKI & TODD BEHIND THE ALTAR WITH THE ELEMENTS IN FRONT OF THEM

VICKI: Please take the bread that you have before and eat, this is the body of Christ given for you.

TODD: And now take the cup before you, drink from it, this is the cup of the New Testament poured out for you for the forgiveness of your sins.

Benediction

Vicki

We will continue our Holy Week remembrances tomorrow night with the Good Friday service remembering Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.

Meditation ... Steven Scott

Doug Yetter, organ

PPT – PIC OF JESUS PRAYING THEN CREDITS AND BACK TO JESUS

Holy Week Schedule

Good Friday, April 10

7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Schedule

Easter Sunday, April 12

Worship Celebration & Communion

10:00a.m.

Bulletins for the month of April are sponsored in memory of her husband, Ed Henriksen, by Barbara.

The special Peace Candle on the Chancel shines to remind us of God's desire for peace throughout our world and our call to be God's peacemakers.

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Assisting with today's service as

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Ushers: Head Usher: Russ Mullen

Usher Coordinator - Worship Pathway:

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