



March 29, 2018

## **LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Maundy Thursday

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

Our vision is to be an expanding community of faith, growing in the Holy Spirit, and practicing before the world a Christ-centered life.

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**WE OFFER NURSERY & CHILDCARE**

*If you need childcare, please see one of the ushers  
and we will happily accommodate you.*

**In Preparation of Holy Communion**

*We invite to the Lord's Supper all Christians who are baptized, who have communed in a Christian church, and who share our Lutheran understanding that, along with the bread and wine, we receive the body and blood of our living Lord Jesus – for the strengthening of our faith and witness.*

*The glasses in the very center of each tray contain grape juice for those who are not able to drink wine. Communicants may choose to receive the wine in an individual cup, from the Chalice or by immersing the wafer in the Chalice (intinction). It is very helpful to keep your empty glass visible so the Common Cup will not be offered.*

*Children who do not commune are invited to come for a blessing. Pastor asks that they fold their hands to show that they are not communing.*

*Greeters: Eileen & Alan Oberdeck*

*Communion Assistants: Bob Elkins & Kathie Kueven*

## Prelude: Because He Broke the Bread

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*Please Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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### Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins,

**C: O Lord, who could stand?**

P: But with You there is forgiveness;

**C: Therefore You are feared.** (Psalm 130:3-4)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this, your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## Were You There



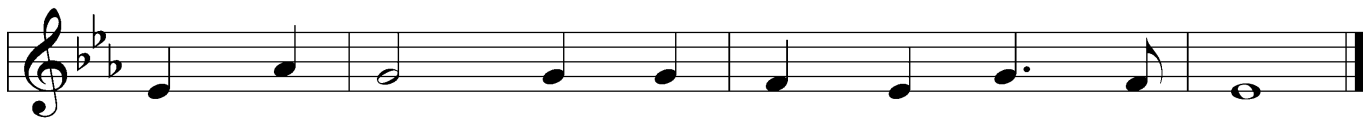
1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you  
3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you  
4 Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh ...  
there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh ...  
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there when God raised Him from the tomb? Oh ...



Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.  
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## Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**First Lesson –Exodus 24: 3-11**

**Reader: Harold Sollenberger**

**Psalm 116:12–19 (antiphon: v. 17)**

P: What shall I render to the Lord

**C: for all his benefits to me?**

P: I will lift up the cup of salvation

**C: and call on the name of the Lord,**

P: I will pay my vows to the Lord

**C: in the presence of all his people.**

P: Precious in the sight of the Lord

**C: is the death of his saints.**

P: O Lord, I am your servant;

**C: I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.**

P: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

**C: and call on the name of the Lord.**

P: I will pay my vows to the Lord

**C: in the presence of all his people,**

P: in the courts of the house of the Lord,

**C: in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!**

**Second Lesson: Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17**

**Reader: Harold Sollenberger**

*Please Stand*

## Verse for Lent



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

### Holy Gospel: Mark 14:12-26

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter.

#### C: Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>12</sup> And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>13</sup> And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, <sup>14</sup> and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'" <sup>15</sup> And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." <sup>16</sup> And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>17</sup> And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. <sup>18</sup> And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." <sup>19</sup> They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" <sup>20</sup> He said to

them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. <sup>21</sup> For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

<sup>22</sup> And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” <sup>23</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. <sup>24</sup> And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup> Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

<sup>26</sup> And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Karl Dunker**

*Please Stand*

## The Son of God Goes Forth to War



1 The Son of God goes forth to war A king - ly crown to gain.  
2 The mar - tyr first, whose ea - gle eye Could pierce be - yond the grave,  
3 A glo - rious band, the cho - sen few, On whom the Spir - it came,  
4 A no - ble ar - my, men and boys, The ma - tron and the maid,



His blood - red ban - ner streams a - far; Who fol - lows in His train?  
Who saw his mas - ter in the sky And called on Him to save.  
Twelve val - iant saints—their hope they knew And mocked the cross and flame.  
A - round the Sav - ior's throne re-joyce, In robes of light ar-rayed.



Who best can drink His cup of woe, Tri - um-phant o - ver pain,  
Like Him, with par - don on His tongue In midst of mor - tal pain,  
They met the ty - rant's bran-dished steel, The li - on's gor - y mane;  
They climbed the steep as - cent of heav'n Through per - il, toil, and pain.



Who pa - tient bears his cross be - low— He fol - lows in His train.  
He prayed for those who did the wrong— Who fol - lows in his train?  
They bowed their necks their death to feel— Who fol - lows in their train?  
O God, to us may grace be giv'n To fol - low in their train!

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## Nicene Creed

**C: I believe in one God,**

**the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,**



**very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by  
whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the  
virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under  
Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He  
rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who  
proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the  
Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I  
acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for  
the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come.  
Amen.**

## **The Offering Anthem**

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*Please stand as the offering is brought to the altar.*

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## **Offertory Prayer**

**P:** Let us pray

**C:** Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth, and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

P: On this holy night in which our Lord granted us the blessed Sacrament of His body and blood, let us pray on behalf of all the people of God and all people as they have need.

### *Brief silence*

P: Father in heaven, You have granted us the body and blood of the Lamb of God to be the seal of our covenant relationship with You and the blessed food of eternal life. Grant us faithful hearts so that what we receive with our lips, we may keep in holy hearts, and what we keep in holy hearts may manifest in holy lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Father of mercy, give us zeal for You, for Your house and for the things of Your Kingdom, that we may be as earnest and faithful in response to Your mercy as You have been in delivering the fulfillment of that promise in Your Son. Raise up good and faithful pastors who will preach and teach Your Word, rightly dividing the Law and Gospel. Open the ears of all who hear Your Word, that they may respond with faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Father of hope, as Your Son entered the Holy Place and secured for us our eternal salvation, give us confidence that we may not fear our enemies but joyfully trust in Your power and strength. Give to the sick and those in pain the fullness of Your gracious presence, and deliver them according to Your will [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Father of peace, give peace to our troubled world, give us good and honest leaders who will govern according to Your commands, and

give us patience that we may not be disheartened with the struggles of this mortal life but endure in faith and hope through the merits and mercies of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Father of grace, You give us what we do not deserve, and daily Your mercies are new. Open our eyes so that we may learn gratitude and return to You the tithes and offerings of a thankful heart with the sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving we bring You in worship and song. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Father of joy, in the midst of our sorrows, comfort us so that we may not be overcome by grief, and keep us from becoming bitter for the jealousy of our selfish hearts. Guide us to know and rejoice in the forgiveness of sins and the promise of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Father of glory, those who have gone before us with the sign of faith already rest in Your arms. Grant us grace to sustain us through each day so that we may be kept holy and blameless by Your grace and come to the marriage supper of the Lamb in Your Kingdom, which knows no end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### **Sanctus**

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*LSB 161*

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the

Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **The Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 162*

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✝}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **Lord's Prayer**

**C: 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.

### Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

### The Distribution

*Please Stand*

## Post-Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray.

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## Stripping of the Altar

**Harold Sollenberger**

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*(Stripping of the altar – removing all Communion ware, candles, and paraments – is an ancient custom of the Church. It points to the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the Roman soldiers.*

*During the stripping, we pray Psalm 22 responsively )*

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L: <sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**C: Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?**

L: <sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,

**C: and by night, but I find no rest.**

L: <sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy,

**C: enthroned on the praises of Israel.**

L: <sup>4</sup>In you our fathers trusted;

**C: they trusted, and you delivered them.**

L: <sup>5</sup>To you they cried and were rescued;

**C: in you they trusted and were not put to shame.**

L: <sup>6</sup>But I am a worm and not a man,  
**C: scorned by mankind and despised by the people.**

L: <sup>7</sup>All who see me mock me;  
**C: they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;**

L: <sup>8</sup>“He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him;  
**C: let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”**

L: <sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me from the womb;  
**C: you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts.**

L: <sup>10</sup>On you was I cast from my birth,  
**C: and from my mother’s womb you have been my God.**

L: <sup>11</sup>Be not far from me,  
**C: for trouble is near, and there is none to help.**

L: <sup>12</sup>Many bulls encompass me;  
**C: strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**

L: <sup>13</sup>they open wide their mouths at me,  
**C: like a ravening and roaring lion.**

L: <sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;  
**C: my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;**

L: <sup>15</sup>my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my  
jaws;  
**C: you lay me in the dust of death.**

L: <sup>16</sup>For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me;  
**C: they have pierced my hands and feet—**

L: <sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones—  
**C: they stare and gloat over me;**



L: <sup>18</sup>they divide my garments among them,

**C: and for my clothing they cast lots.**

L: <sup>19</sup>But you, O Lord, do not be far off!

**C: O you my help, come quickly to my aid!**

L: <sup>20</sup>Deliver my soul from the sword,

**C: my precious life from the power of the dog!**

L: <sup>21</sup>Save me from the mouth of the lion!

**C: You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!**

L: <sup>22</sup>I will tell of your name to my brothers;

**C: in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:**

L: <sup>23</sup>You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob,  
glorify him,

**C: and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!**

L: <sup>24</sup>For he has not despised or abhorred

**C: the affliction of the afflicted,**

L: and he has not hidden his face from him,

**C: but has heard, when he cried to him.**

L: <sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

**C: my vows I will perform before those who fear him.**

L: <sup>26</sup>The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall  
praise the Lord!

**C: May your hearts live forever!**

L: <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember

**C: and turn to the Lord,**

L: and all the families of the nations

**C: shall worship before you.**

L: <sup>28</sup>For kingship belongs to the Lord,

**C: and he rules over the nations.**

L: <sup>29</sup>All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall  
bow all who go down to the dust,

**C: even the one who could not keep himself alive.**

L: <sup>30</sup>Posterity shall serve him;

**C: it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**

L: <sup>31</sup>they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet  
unborn,

**C: that he has done it.**

*(After the stripping of the altar has been completed  
and the praying of the psalm has ended,  
we leave the church in silence.)*

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Good Friday worship is at 7:00 p.m.

There will be no Bible class on Easter morning.

Easter worship with Holy Communion is at 10:30 a.m.

**EASTER PARKING** – Let's be courteous to the guests who will be with us on Easter morning. Members, try car-pooling if possible and park as far away from the building as you are able.