

Maundy Thursday

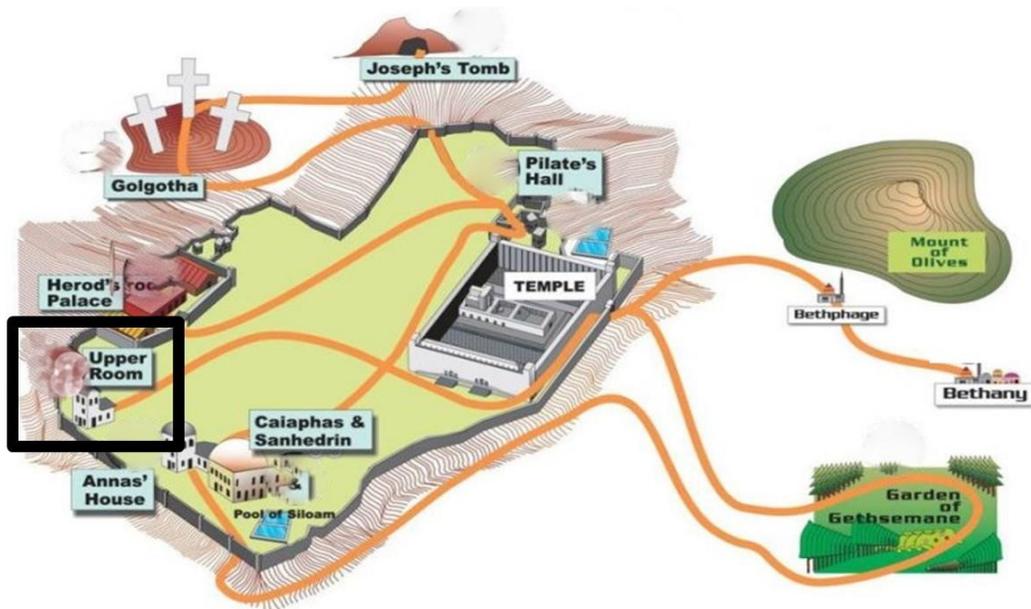
April 1, 2021

Last Supper

Jesus' journey was rocky and rough. He prepared his disciples the best he could for what was coming next.

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Jesus' Holy Week Journey



Prelude

"Stay with Me"

You are invited to light a candle in your sacred space as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Call to Worship

Together, we gather with God the Father, + Son and Holy Spirit.
Together, we gather as we follow Jesus
from the triumphal entry to the upper room,
to the garden and to the cross.

Confession and Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

God of mercy,

Jesus was faithful even in the face of death, yet we so often fail you in day to day living. Our commitment is shaky, our promises are unreliable, and our actions are questionable. We quit when discipleship becomes difficult and complain that we don't get enough credit. Forgive us our neglect of your mission and our lukewarm devotion and wake us up to the urgency of your gospel.

God is gracious and pardons all our shortcomings. May the giver of life forgive us our sins and restore us to the joy of discipleship and service, for the sake of Jesus our faithful Lord. **Amen.**

Opening Song *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* Red ELW 712 vv. 1,2

**Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart.**

**Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.**

Prayer of Day

Merciful God, Jesus spent the last evening with his disciples in celebration and blessing, knowing what lay ahead. Gather us now in remembrance of what he went through, and count us among the faithful, for the sake of our Lord and savior. **Amen.**

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song

When Jesus celebrated the Passover with his disciples, he prepared them the best he could for what was coming next. For now, they would feast and celebrate.

Invitation to the Word

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**Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love,
by love we thus are bound.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 22:1-27

Narrator: The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people. Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying,

Jesus: Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it.

Narrator: They asked him "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?"

Jesus: Listen,

Narrator: he said to them,

Jesus: when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, "The teacher asks you, 'Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'" He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.

Narrator: So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,

Jesus: I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

Narrator: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

Jesus: Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.

Narrator: Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

Jesus: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Narrator: And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

Jesus: This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!

Narrator: Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,

Jesus: The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Special Music

"The King of Love"

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

May the one who serves you this day and always, bless you with the body and blood of the Holy Servant. In the name of the Creator, the Serving Savior and Sustainer.
Amen.

Song

"Ubi Caritas"

Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

*Where true charity and love abide,
God is dwelling there; God is dwelling there.*

Sending

Filled with the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ,
go and serve your neighbor with Christ's love. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"Stay With Me"



Participants

- Pastors: Courtney Steitz, Michael TeKrony
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