



"The Last Supper" by Sadao Watanabe



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
A "Reconciling in Christ" and Stephen Ministry Congregation



MAUNDY THURSDAY

A Service of Anointing and Holy Communion

April 9, 2020

7:00 p.m.

We are a faith-rooted community with no walls: always learning, always serving!

We are a "Reconciling in Christ" congregation. The Good News of God's grace is for all, regardless of age, abilities, physical and mental health, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, education, income or strength of faith. There is nothing we do, have done or will do, that can separate us from God. God makes no exceptions, nor do we. Come join us in praise, prayer and the work of our Lord!

If you would like to know more about our congregation please contact the church office, 202-829-6727, see our website at www.christlutherandc.org.

When we gather together—even virtually—Jesus is present. We will be celebrating Holy Communion. If you would like to participate in your home, please have bread/crackers or wine/juice ready.

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***Bold** print indicates responses spoken by the congregation.*

***An important note about the Name of God:** The most mysterious and most intimate Name of God in Jewish tradition was written as four Hebrew letters that in Western transliteration is YHWH. We do not know how the name was pronounced in Biblical days because there were no vowels. If we were to pronounce these letters it would simply be a breath. In this way, we not only mentally understand but bodily experience God as the One who is breath and who gives the breath to us and to all life. In our opening and closing prayer, we will pause and breathe whenever we come to YHWH, giving us an inner sense of God within and all around us, God who breathes into us the urge toward freedom.*

WELCOME

BREATH PRAYER

Blessed are you, YHWH our God, Breathing Spirit of the Universe, who gives us light that we may become a light for peace and freedom and healing for all peoples and our planet. Blessed are you, YHWH, Breathing Spirit of the Universe, who has breathed life into us, lifted us up, and carried us to reach this moment. Amen.

READING

Mark 14:1 - 9

¹It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; ²for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people." ³While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. ⁴But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. ⁹Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

INVITATION TO ANOINTING

WORDS FOR ANOINTING

Receive this oil as a sign of healing--remember that you are loved. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER ANOINTING

May the God who goes before you through desert places by night and by day be your companion and guide; may your journey be with the saints; may the Holy Spirit be your strength, and Christ your clothing of light, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

REFLECTION

UBI CARITAS

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Refrain

U - bi cá - ri - tas et a - mor,
Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,
Don - de hay a - mor y ca - ri - dad,

u - bi cá - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.
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READING

Mark 14:10 - 21

¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

¹²On 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?" ¹³So 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, ¹⁴and 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?'" ¹⁵He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." ¹⁶So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

¹⁷When it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." ¹⁹They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" ²⁰He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. ²¹For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

CONFESSION

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, we come before you, wholly ourselves. We bring ourselves and our reality – the emotions, actions, and words that uniquely make each of us human. O God, you know our hearts – the things we have done and the things we have left undone.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have turned from You and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We confess all the ways that we too have betrayed Jesus, Our Lord.

We have ignored our neighbor in need.

We have contributed to the destruction of creation.

We have chosen violence over peace, hate over love, fear over trust.

We have kept parts of ourselves hidden.

We have not been honest.

We have not loved You with our whole heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Loving God, we also bring the truth of our lives to you.

We offer our sadness and grief – our longing to gather together.

We offer our anger – our frustration at this interruption of life.

We offer our fear – our anxiety of the unknown.

We offer our hope – our desire for a return to normal.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us, even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive, together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. Receive this assurance – God loves you and delights in your existence. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power, through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Let us pray for new life in the church, new hope for the world, and God's love for all who are in need.

Loving God, we give you thanks that in Jesus Christ, we are freed of our sins and liberated to look to the needs of others. Be with us in the coming weeks and months as we navigate our new reality. Comfort us in our time loss, sustain us in our time of despair, and uphold us in all that we do. Continue to shower us with your Holy Spirit and give us courage, no matter what lies ahead. Through your son, Jesus Christ, the one who is, who was, and is to come. Amen.

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A WORD ABOUT THE INSTITUTION OF THE VIRTUAL LORD'S SUPPER

READING

Mark 14:22 - 26

²²While 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." ²³Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. ²⁴He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly 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."

²⁶When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

HOLY COMMUNION

STAY WITH US

1 Stay with us, till night has come: our praise to
2 Walk with us, our spir - its sigh: hear when our
3 Walk with us, the road will bend: make all our

you this day be sung. Bless our bread, o - pen our
wear - y spir - its cry, feel a - gain our loss, our
weep - ing, wail - ing end. Wipe our tears, for - give our

eyes: Je - sus, be our great sur - prise.
pain: Je - sus, take us to your side.
fears: Je - sus, lift the heav - y cross.

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BREATH PRAYER

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Our worship continues tomorrow with the Good Friday liturgy at 7 p.m.

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