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IN THE UPPER ROOM

The Upper Room Prayer

1873-2021

148 Years of God's Grace

Sharing with Everyone the Good News of Salvation Through Jesus Christ!

Divine Service
9:00 a.m.
Holy Communion
1st & 3rd Sundays

Bible Class &
Sunday School
10:15 a.m.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Wednesday, March 24, 2021

Fifth Wednesday in Lent

GUESTS AND VISITORS: Welcome to Holy Cross and to today's worship service. During these Lenten days, we join in the penitent reflection upon our Lord's Passion. This year, the sermons will encompass Jesus' time in the upper room with His disciples (John 13-17). Please join us on Sundays at 9am to hear more about Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Prelude - Selected

The Ringing of the Church Bell

Words of Welcome

Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light

LSB 148, sts. 1-4

1 Lord Jesus Christ, my Life, my Light,
My Strength by day, my Trust by night,
On earth I'm but a passing guest
And sorely by my sins opprest.

3 My heart sinks at the journey's length,
My wasted flesh has little strength;
My soul alone still cries in me:
"Lord, take me home, take me to Thee!"

2 Far off I see my fatherland,
Where thro' Thy blood I hope to stand.
But ere I reach that Paradise,
A weary way before me lies.

4 Oh let Thy suff'rings give me pow'r
To meet the last and darkest hour!
Thy blood refresh and comfort me;
Thy bonds and fetters make me free.

[please stand]

Opening Sentences

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P: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

C: **♪ And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.**

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: **♪ Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Psalm

Psalm 25:1-10

¹ Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

You have given me relief when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

² O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?

How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

³ But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.

⁴ **Be angry, and do not sin;**
ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.

⁵ Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶ **There are many who say, “Who will show us some good?
Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!”**

⁷ You have put more joy in my heart
than they have when their grain and wine abound.

⁸ **In peace I will both lie down and sleep;**
for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

[be seated]

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 46:8-13

⁸ “Remember this and stand firm,
recall it to mind, you transgressors,
⁹ remember the former things of old;
for I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is none like me,
¹⁰ declaring the end from the beginning
and from ancient times things not yet done,
saying, ‘My counsel shall stand,
and I will accomplish all my purpose,’
¹¹ calling a bird of prey from the east,
the man of my counsel from a far country.

I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass;
I have purposed, and I will do it.

¹² “Listen to me, you stubborn of heart,
you who are far from righteousness:
¹³ I bring near my righteousness; it is not far off,
and my salvation will not delay;
I will put salvation in Zion,
for Israel my glory.”

[we stand]

Holy Gospel:

John 17:1-11a; 20-26

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom

you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed...

⁶ “I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸ For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹ And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. ²⁰ “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

P: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C:  Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

Apostles' Creed

C: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the quick and the dead.

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

[please be seated]

Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light

Hymn 148, sts. 5-8

5 Oh, let Thy holy wounds for me
Clefts in the rock forever be
Where as a dove my soul can hide
And safe from Satan's rage abide.

7 Lord, in Thy nail-prints let me read
That Thou to save me hast decreed
And grant that in Thine opened side
My troubled soul may ever hide.

6 And when my spirit flies away,
The dying words shall be my stay.
Thy cross shall be my staff in life,
Thy holy grave my rest from strife.

8 Since Thou hast died, the Pure, the Just,
I take my homeward way in trust.
The gates of heaven, Lord, open wide
When here I may no more abide.

Sermon

The Upper Room Prayer

Canticle Hymn: On Mine Heart Imprint Thine Image

Hymn 179

On my heart imprint Thine image,
Blessed Jesus, King of Grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures
Have no pow'r Thee to efface.
This the superscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my Life, my hope's Foundation,
And my Glory and Salvation.

The Receipt of Gifts and Offerings

The Kyrie

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♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Salutation

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with thy Spirit.

The Collect for Grace/Peace

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Thy mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Thy governance, may be righteous in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

P: O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that we, being defended by Thee from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

C:  Amen

The Benedicamus and Benediction

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P: Bless we the Lord.

C:  Thanks be to God.

P: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

C:  Amen.

Closing Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light

LSB 148, sts. 9-11

9 And when the last Great Day shall come	10 Renew this wasted flesh of mine
And Thou, our Judge, shalt speak the doom,	That like the sun it there may shine
Let me with joy behold the light	Among the angels pure and bright,
And set me then upon Thy right.	Yea, like Thyself in glorious light.

11 Ah, then I'll have my hearts' desire,
When, singing with the angels' choir,
Among the ransomed of Thy grace,
Forever I'll behold Thy face.
Amen.

Please plan to join us for Holy Week, and Easter Services:

April 1 - The Upper Room Mandate (Maundy Thursday)

April 2 - The Empty Upper Room (Good Friday)

April 4 - Easter Sunrise Service 6:30am

Breakfast 7:30

Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 9:00am

