

**Sunne Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
**April 9, 2020**

OPENING HYMN ..... "Old Rugged Cross"

*Verse 1: On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suff'ring and shame,  
And I love that old cross where the Dearest and Best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.*

*Refrain: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

*Verse 2: Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above,  
To bear it to dark Calvary.*

*Verse 3: In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
A wondrous beauty I see;  
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,  
To pardon and sanctify me.*

*Verse 4: To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Then he'll call me some day to my home far away,  
Where His glory forever I'll share. REFRAIN*

CONFESSION OF SIN ..... ELW page 258

Most merciful God,  
**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. 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**

ABSOLUTION ..... ELW page 259

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN**

In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.  
**AMEN**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: To love one another as he loves us. By your Holy Spirit, write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON .....Exodus 12: 1-4, 11-14

SECOND LESSON ..... 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

LENTEN VERSE ..... ELW page 142

*Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful;  
Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
And abounding in steadfast love.*

HOLY GOSPEL ..... John 13: 1-17, 31-35

HYMN ..... WOV 664 "A New Commandment"

*A new commandment I give unto you,  
That you love one another as I have loved you,  
That you love one another as I have loved you.  
By this shall people know you are my disciples, if you have love one for another;  
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SERMON

HYMN ..... ELW 351 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

*Verse 1: O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and same weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded, with thorns thine only crown;  
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.*

*Verse 2: How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;  
How does thy face now languish, which once was bright as morn?  
Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.*

*Verse 3: What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,  
For this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?  
Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.*

*Verse 4: Lord, be my consolation; shield me when I must die;  
Remind me of thy passion when my last hour draws nigh.  
These eyes, new faith receiving, from thee shall never move;  
For all who die believing die safely in they 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**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition: Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***

OFFERING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*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.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

HYMN ..... ELW 349 "Ah, Holy Jesus"

*Verse 1: Ah, Holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,  
That we to judge thee, have in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted.*

*Verse 2: Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;  
I crucified thee.*

*Verse 3: Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;  
The slave hath sin-ned, and the Son hath suffered;  
For our atonement, while we nothing heeded,  
God interceded.*

*Verse 4: For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,  
Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;  
Thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,  
For my salvation.*

*Verse 5: Therefore, kind Jesus, sine I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;  
Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,  
Not my deserving.*

## PRAYER

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR ..... Psalm 22

Ash Wednesday began with an extended confession of sins; the absolution is deferred until today, Maundy Thursday. The service begins in an unusual way – with an invitation to confession and with the absolution and the sharing of the peace. All this is done before Holy Communion begins, not simply as a novelty, but to close off the time of repentance, to conclude the season of penitence with the long-awaited absolution. The Lenten discipline having been concluded, the church turns its attention to the most intense celebration of the cross and resurrection of Christ.

The reading of Psalm 22 recalls the words of abandonment spoken by Jesus from the cross, “My God why have you forsaken me?” and moves us now into the solemn remembrance of Good Friday.

No further words are said after the stripping of the altar. There is no benediction or postlude, suggesting continuity with the services of Good Friday and Easter. The church is left in semi-darkness and all leave the church in silence. The transition is made from the communion celebration to Jesus's crucifixion and death. Symbolically, Christ, stripped of his power and glory, is now in the hands of his captors.

Tomorrow night, we will gather at 7:30pm for Good Friday worship. In this service, we remember Christ's death on the cross. We will be using the service of the Tenebrae (the name means “Darkness” or “Shadows”), a service of lessons and prayer during which the church is gradually darkened as the day of our Lord's death comes to a close. Tomorrow's service will be streamed live through our Facebook page but will not be available on BEKTV.

Easter Sunday services will be available live through our Facebook page and on BEKTV channel 26. Services will be held at 7:00am and 9:30am.