

CHESHIRE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Cheshire, Connecticut
The Rev. Dr. David Rowold, Pastor
MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
April 9, 2020
7:30 PM

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - “*Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless*” tune *O Lamm Gottes unschuldig*; arr. Hillert

HYMN 435 - *we sing, standing*

INVOCATION

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

LITANY

O Lord, **have mercy.**

O Christ, **have mercy.**

O Lord, **have mercy.**

O Christ, **hear us.**

God the Father in heaven, **mercy.**

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **have mercy.**

God the Holy Spirit, **have mercy.**

Be gracious to us. **Spare us, good Lord.**

Be gracious to us. **Help us, good Lord.**

From all sin, from all error, from all evil;
From the crafts and assaults of the devil;
from sudden and evil death;
From pestilence and famine; from war and
bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion;

From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:
Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of Your holy incarnation;
by Your holy nativity;
By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation;
by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial;
By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:
Help us, good Lord.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:
Help us, good Lord.

We poor sinners implore You **to hear us, O Lord.**

To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;
To put an end to all schisms and causes of

offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;
To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:
We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:
We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;
To direct and defend our president and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;
To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;
To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;
To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:
We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:
We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, **we implore You to hear us.**

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, **have mercy.**

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, **have mercy.**

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, **grant us Your peace.**

O Christ, **hear us.**

O Lord, **have mercy.**

O Christ, **have mercy.**

O Lord, **have mercy. Amen.**

GREETING, followed by PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON - Exodus 24:3-11

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 116:12-19 - *we read in unison*

SECOND LESSON - Hebrews 9:11-22

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

page 173 - **LENTEN VERSE** - *all standing*

GOSPEL - Matthew 26:17-30
*Before, all shout: **Glory to you, O Lord!***
*After, all shout: **Praise to you, O Christ!***

HYMN 575 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

APOSTLES’ CREED

OFFERTORY
“Be Thou But Near” by J. S. Bach;
Soloist, Frank Vasi

PRAYERS - *all may kneel*
Celebrating Christ’s passion that gives life and salvation, let us pray for the church, the world, and any who are in need.

(brief silence)

For the church, that living according to Jesus’ new commandment and by his example, we may grow in our love for one another and all people. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of every nation, that their goal may be dignity and reconciliation for all, and that conflict and discord would give way to peace and unity throughout the world. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all people in need, that they might receive your blessing, and that we may be led to care for our brothers and sisters who suffer hunger, illness, oppression, loneliness, abuse, or any physical or spiritual disease. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this congregation, that we would take up whatever cross is laid upon us and gladly carry it, sharing in Christ’s death that leads to his everlasting life. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the saints and martyrs who followed the example of the one who washed his disciples’ feet and who now rest from their labors. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayers, gracious God, for the sake of the one who came to serve and not to be served and offered himself for the sake of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER

PSALM 22 - *we read in unison while the altar is being stripped.*

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Note: After the pastor has left the nave of the church via the side door, the congregation leaves in silence.

The Stripping of the Altar is symbolic of Jesus’ humiliation at the hands of the soldiers. The omission of the Blessing at the end of tonight’s liturgy reveals its continuity with Good Friday and Easter Sunday liturgies.