

**Gran-Park-Rollag Parish and Living Grace Lutheran Church**  
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**Thursday, April 1, 2021**  
**Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service**  
**Led by Pr. Hope Deutscher and Pr. Jim Greene**  
**Music Provided by: Pam Aakre and Pr. Hope Deutscher**  
**Olivia Peterson, Piano Solo**

**Welcome/Announcements**

- *Welcome to our Mandy Thursday Tenebrae Service for GPR Parish and Living Grace Lutheran. This service will take you through the events of Maundy Thursday into the Passion Story as we hold the tension between wanting to rush forward to Easter, but pausing to remember that Jesus prepared his disciples for his death and offered them and us his Last Supper, followed by events leading to the cross and the tomb.*
- *A Large print bulletin is available on our websites for you to use during worship.*
- *We invite you to subscribe to our YouTube channel – Rollag Lutheran Church.*
- *During our service, we have the following supplies reading:*
  - *Bread/crackers and wine/juice available for partaking in Virtual Holy Communion.*

**Happening This Weekend:**

**Sunday, April 4, Easter:** Online Worship Service Available;

In-Person Worship: 8 AM Gran Lutheran Church; 9:30 AM Rollag; 9:30 AM Park;  
11 AM Rollag

**Monday, April 5:** 7 PM Women's Easter Bible Study – ALL are welcome! Pr. Hope can send you the Zoom link.

**Prelude: *Jesus Paid It All*      Pam Aakre, Piano**

**Call to Order**

We gather as we live, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

On this day our Lord again went to Jerusalem. In the evening in the Upper Room, he washed the feet of the disciples and instituted the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. He spoke words of comfort and peace, gave the promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit, and made the great intercession.

Then, he took Peter, James and John to the Garden of Gethsemane while he prayed. His disciples fell asleep in grief and exhaustion from what they had already experienced – not knowing all that was to come. But Jesus, scripture tells us, is aware of all that is to come.

He becomes distressed and agitated...deeply grieved, throwing himself on the ground, praying that this hour might pass from him. We see the serene pictures of Jesus praying in the Garden but he is in anguish...he knows and feels the pain and suffering...he will endure agony.

Betrayed by Judas and arrested by his enemies, he's taken to prison and to his judgement where the crowd that once cried "Hosanna! Save us! Be our King!" now cries "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

As we hear the last week of Jesus' life, may we see not only that Jesus' suffered and died but that his story gives us comfort in our own suffering and death. Jesus knows what we are going through. Jesus went there and beyond for us. Every death we die, Jesus died; we cannot go where he has not gone. He accompanies us even in darkness and sorrow. And he leads us to light and life again.

Let us pray: Merciful God, tonight we read the scriptures and sing the hymns. Look with mercy upon us, for whom our Lord Jesus was betrayed, given into sinful hands, and suffered death on the cross. Suffering is irrational and difficult. But in the cross, you meet US in our suffering. We know there is no where we can hide from you; you meet us and walk alongside us, even if it's in the muck and mire of our own suffering. Into your hands, O God, we commend our spirits. Amen.

**Hymn: *Jesu, Jesu, Fill us With Your Love* (ELW #708 / WOV #675)**

**Pam Aakre, Piano; Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute**

**Refrain:** *Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

**Verse 1:** *Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them. REFRAIN*

**Verse 2:** *Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race,  
Neighbors are nearby and far away. REFRAIN*

**Loving and Forgiving as God Does Us**

**John 13:1-7, 34-35**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." . . .

<sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

**Meditation: *Loving & Forgiving Others as God does us* Pr. Jim Greene**

**Special Music: *Kum Ba Yah***

**Olivia Peterson, Piano**

**\* The FINAL CONFLICT BEGINS (Mark 14:1-11)**

***The Plot to Kill Jesus***

<sup>1</sup>It 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; <sup>2</sup>for they said, “Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.”

### ***The Anointing at Bethany***

<sup>3</sup>While 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. <sup>4</sup>But some were there who said to one another in anger, “Why was the ointment wasted in this way? <sup>5</sup>For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.” And they scolded her. <sup>6</sup>But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. <sup>7</sup>For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. <sup>8</sup>She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. <sup>9</sup>Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

### ***Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus***

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

### ***The LAST SUPPER (Mark 14:12-25)***

#### ***The Passover with the Disciples***

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

<sup>17</sup>When it was evening, he came with the twelve. <sup>18</sup>And 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.” <sup>19</sup>They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I?” <sup>20</sup>He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. <sup>21</sup>For 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.”

#### ***Virtual Holy Communion: Mark 14:22-25 - The Institution of the Lord’s Supper***

<sup>22</sup>While 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.”

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

**Presider:** As we hear these words at Jesus’ dinner with his disciples, let us remember that one disciple would betray him, one would deny knowing him and the others would desert him. And yet, he offered them this precious meal – that would be passed down through the years to us...to remember his life, his death and his gift of life to us.

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, give you peace and know the promises that came with Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection: our everlasting life. Amen.

We continue our service, focusing on the events that followed this precious meal. Tenebrae is a prolonged meditation on Christ's suffering. Scripture readings trace the story of Christ's passion, music evokes emotions as we feel the heaviness of the tragedy, and the power of silence and darkness suggests the drama of this momentous day. As lights are extinguished, we ponder the depth of Christ's suffering and death; we remember the cataclysmic nature of his sacrifice and through the return of the small but persistent flame of the Christ candle at the conclusion of the service, we anticipate the joy of ultimate victory.

**Hymn: *Stay With Me* (Sing 3x) (ELW #348)**

*Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray. Watch and pray. (Sing 3x)*

**\* (PROPHECIES AND PROMISES (Mark 14:26-31))**

**Peter's Denial Foretold**

<sup>26</sup>When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. <sup>27</sup>And Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'" <sup>28</sup>But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." <sup>29</sup>Peter said to him, "Even though all become deserters, I will not." <sup>30</sup>Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." <sup>31</sup>But he said vehemently, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And all of them said the same.

**\* A PLACE CALLED GETHSEMANE (Mark 14:32-52)**

**Jesus Prays in Gethsemane**

<sup>32</sup>They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." <sup>33</sup>He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. <sup>34</sup>And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." <sup>35</sup>And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup>He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." <sup>37</sup>He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? <sup>38</sup>Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>39</sup>And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. <sup>40</sup>And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. <sup>41</sup>He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup>Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

**The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus**

<sup>43</sup>Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. <sup>44</sup>Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." <sup>45</sup>So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. <sup>46</sup>Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. <sup>47</sup>But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. <sup>48</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? <sup>49</sup>Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." <sup>50</sup>All of them deserted him and fled.

<sup>51</sup>A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, <sup>52</sup>but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

**Hymn: *Go to Dark Gethsemane* (ELW #347 / LBW #109)**

**Pam Aakre, Piano; Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute**

**Verse 1:**     *Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempt-er's pow'r;  
your Redeemer's conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour;  
turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.*

**Verse 3:**     *Cal-v'ry's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet.  
mark that miracle of time, Gods own sacrifice complete.  
"it is finished!" hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.*

**\* TRIAL AT THE HIGH PRIEST'S HOUSE (Mark 14:53-72)**

**Jesus before the Council**

<sup>53</sup>They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. <sup>54</sup>Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. <sup>55</sup>Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. <sup>56</sup>For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. <sup>57</sup>Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, <sup>58</sup>"We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" <sup>59</sup>But even on this point their testimony did not agree. <sup>60</sup>Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" <sup>61</sup>But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" <sup>62</sup>Jesus said, "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'"

<sup>63</sup>Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? <sup>64</sup>You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?" All of them condemned him as deserving death. <sup>65</sup>Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophesy!" The guards also took him over and beat him.

**Peter Denies Jesus**

<sup>66</sup>While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. <sup>67</sup>When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth." <sup>68</sup>But he denied it, saying, "I do not know or understand what you are talking about." And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. <sup>69</sup>And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." <sup>70</sup>But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean." <sup>71</sup>But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know this man you are talking about." <sup>72</sup>At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

**Hymn: *Were you There When They Crucified My Lord* (ELW #353 / LBW #92)**

**Pam Aakre, Piano; Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute**

**Verse 1:**     *Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

## **\* TRIAL BEFORE THE GOVERNOR (Mark 15:1-20)**

### **Jesus before Pilate**

<sup>1</sup>As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." <sup>3</sup>Then the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

### **Pilate Hands Jesus over to Be Crucified**

<sup>6</sup>Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup>Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. <sup>8</sup>So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. <sup>9</sup>Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>10</sup>For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. <sup>12</sup>Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" <sup>13</sup>They shouted back, "Crucify him!" <sup>14</sup>Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" <sup>15</sup>So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

### **The Soldiers Mock Jesus**

<sup>16</sup>Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. <sup>17</sup>And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup>And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>19</sup>They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup>After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

## **\* THE CRUCIFIXION (MARK 15:21-39)**

### **The Crucifixion of Jesus**

<sup>21</sup>They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. <sup>22</sup>Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). <sup>23</sup>And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

<sup>25</sup>It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." <sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup>Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross!" <sup>31</sup>In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

### **The Death of Jesus**

<sup>33</sup>When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>34</sup>At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>35</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it,

they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." <sup>36</sup>And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." <sup>37</sup>Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

**Hymn: *Were you There When They Crucified My Lord* (ELW #353 / LBW #92)**

**Pam Aakre, Piano; Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute**

**Verse 2:**     *Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?*

**Meditation: Good Friday – Believing in the Unbelievable. Death, is it the end or not?**

**Luke 23:39–43**

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding<sup>[a]</sup> him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah?<sup>[b]</sup> Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into<sup>[c]</sup> your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

**Meditation                    Pr. Jim Greene**

**Special Music: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (ELW #803)**

**Pam Aakre, Piano; Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute**

**Verse 1:**     *When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of Glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.*

**\* THE BURIAL OF JESUS (MARK 15:40-47)**

<sup>40</sup>There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. <sup>41</sup>These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

<sup>42</sup>When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, <sup>43</sup>Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>44</sup>Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. <sup>45</sup>When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. <sup>46</sup>Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. <sup>47</sup>Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

**Strip Altar**

**Dismissal:** May Jesus Christ who for our sakes became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you. Amen.

***We leave in silence.***

*\* Designates a candle is extinguished during our service.*