

# Maundy Thursday

APRIL 13, 2017

7:00 p.m.



**Calvary Moravian Church**

600 Holly Avenue

Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2716



As we answer to God's calling,  
humbly gather, humbly pray;  
humbly let us seek forgiveness  
when we err or go astray.  
In our faith we are united;  
in our love we are made one.  
We partake to bring remembrance  
of his death until he come.

*\*Reprinted from **Sing to the Lord a New Song: A New Moravian Songbook**, with the permission of the Moravian Music Foundation and Interprovincial Board of Communication.*

PREPARATORY LITURGY TO THE HOLY COMMUNION p. 143  
*(The first hymn of the liturgy will be omitted.)*

COMMUNION LITURGY FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY p. 162  
*(The benediction on page 169 will be delivered at the conclusion of tonight's service.)*

ANTHEM – *O, My God, Bestow Thy Tender Mercy*  
from *Stabat Mater* Giovanni B. Pergolesi  
*The Chancel Choir*

READINGS FOR HOLY WEEK – *The Garden of Sorrows* pp. 95-108  
*(Large Print Edition)*  
*(On page 99 of the readings, the congregation will sing "Go to Dark Gethsemane.")*

BENEDICTION

REMOVAL OF WORSHIP ELEMENTS FROM CHANCEL AREA  
*(Please observe silence during this process and as you leave.)*



## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We welcome our members and guests* to our service on this ***Maundy Thursday evening*** as we remember the events of this holy day, our Savior's prayers in the Garden of Gethsemane, and as we share together in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We sincerely desire that everyone present will feel welcome in the Lord's house. Please make a special effort to greet those around you in the spirit of Christian fellowship. Hearing aid devices are available in the narthex; one of the ushers will be happy to assist you as needed. ***Please turn off your cell phones for this service.***

***In the Moravian Church, we exercise an open communion,*** meaning all who confess Jesus Christ as Lord are welcome at His Table.

***Please join us tomorrow, April 14,*** for the ***Good Friday services. The Crucifixion Service*** will be held at ***2:15 p.m.*** The ***Good Friday Lovefeast*** will be held at ***7:00 p.m.***

***The Great Sabbath Service of Music,*** sponsored by Salem Congregation, will be held at Home Church ***this Saturday, April 15,*** at ***7:00 p.m.*** The service, a combination of liturgy and hymns, will include Moravian and other anthems and will feature the combined choirs of member churches and a full orchestra. Mr. Drake Flynt, Director of Music at King Moravian Church, will conduct, and Calvary's organist, Mary Louise Kapp Peeples, will be at the organ. Everyone is invited to attend this very meaningful service as we await the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

***The 245th Easter Sunrise Service*** of Salem Congregation will be held ***this Sunday, April 16,*** at ***6:00 a.m.,*** beginning in front of Home Church. The presiding minister will be The Right Reverend Lane A. Sapp, Chair of the Salem Congregation Elders. ***Calvary*** will also have its Easter Sunday Worship Service at ***11:00 a.m. this Sunday.*** Additionally, the Missions Committee will again sponsor an ***Easter breakfast from 7:15-10:00 a.m.*** in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

***Livestreaming of our remaining Holy Week services*** is planned as follows: The Good Friday Lovefeast, 7:00 p.m.; and the Easter Sunday Service, 11:00 a.m. The web address for livestreaming is as follows:

**<http://custlogin.audiovideoweb.com/lnks/play/8c3flslive2171>**

*(Streaming begins approximately 15 minutes prior to the service. However, this may vary depending on when our volunteers arrive. If you attempt to log on before the streaming is in progress, you will get a "blank" screen after you click the play button. Please wait a few moments and reload the address in your browser.)*

*The Women's Fellowship* is responsible this year for decorating sections 3R and 3S of God's Acre for the Easter Sunrise Service. These sections are the two plots just adjacent to the white fence of the Archie K. Davis Center and the parking lot behind the Davis Center. We are also asked to assist with decorating two plots that are not assigned to a particular church. Four to five people are needed from each church to complete the task of decorating graves. Please bring any cut flowers and greenery (no holly, please) for this decoration to Calvary **no later than 7:00 p.m. tomorrow, Good Friday, April 14.** If you can help decorate the graves on Great Sabbath (April 15), please be at the designated plots **no later than 9:00 a.m.** We hope you will participate in this important effort as we prepare God's Acre for the Resurrection Service!

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### "MAUNDY" THURSDAY

The word **Maundy** is derived through Middle English, and Old French *mandé*, from the Latin *mandatum*. This is the first word of the phrase "*Mandatum novum do vobis ut diligatis invicem sicut dilexi vos,*" meaning, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you." This is the statement by Jesus in the Gospel of John (13:34) by which he explained to the Apostles the significance of his action of washing their feet.

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### PRAYER OF MEDITATION



Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

from the *Book of Common Prayer*

## Maundy Thursday Service Notes

Tonight's service incorporates two Holy Week traditions from the ancient Christian Church, the tenebrae and the stripping of the communion table and chancel area. The tenebrae (Latin for 'shadows' or 'darkness') is a service within Western Christianity that is often celebrated on the evening before or early morning of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Great Sabbath which are the last three days of Holy Week. The Tenebrae service involves a gradual extinguishing of candles while recalling the rejection, suffering, and death of Christ. Tonight, as we remember Jesus' betrayal and the start of his trial, our youth will extinguish candles in the sanctuary window wells at significant points during our readings. The extinguishing of these candles represents the flight of the disciples and the approach of the dark hate of Jesus' enemies.

After we have celebrated the Holy Communion tonight and received the benediction, we ask the congregation to remain seated for the stripping of the Communion Table and the Chancel area. Though our sacristans annually strip this area of any ornamentation each year after the Maundy Thursday service, we are including this tradition within the body of the service tonight so you may experience its spiritual depth and power.

Why do we do this? In the ancient church stripping the worship area reminded worshippers of the humiliation Jesus experienced when he was betrayed, stripped of his garments, humiliated and exposed. Removing those items from the worship area that usually draw us into communion with God is a visual way of reminding us of the spiritual estrangement we experience without Jesus Christ in our lives. Experiencing the starkness of this sanctuary when we enter on Good Friday also reminds us of the darkness of human sin which led Jesus to bear the cross for us.

Tonight, pastors, sacristans, board members, children and youth will assist in this special time of worship. Since these will be holy moments in remembrance of Christ's passion, we ask you please to observe silence as the chancel area is stripped of each item associated with worship. As we finish this holy work, the sanctuary lights will be dimmed and you will be free to leave.

*When the soldiers had crucified Jesus they took his garments and made four parts, one for each soldier; also his tunic. This was to fulfill the scripture, "They parted my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots. – John 19:24*

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

**Friday, April 14**

*Good Friday*

Crucifixion Service – 2:15 p.m.

Lovefeast – 7:00 p.m.



**Saturday, April 15**

*Great Sabbath*

Salem Congregation Service of Music – 7:00 p.m.

*(at Home Church)*



**Sunday, April 16**

*Easter Sunday*

245<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunrise Service of Salem Congregation – 6:00 a.m.

*(Salem Square, in front of Home Church)*

Easter Morning Breakfast at Calvary – 7:15-10:00 a.m.

*(sponsored by The Missions Committee)*

Easter Morning Liturgy and Sermon at Calvary – 11:00 a.m.



**Sunday, April 23**

*Second Sunday of Easter*

Worship – 11:00 a.m.



**Sunday, April 30**

*Third Sunday of Easter*

Worship – 11:00 a.m.



**Sunday, May 7**

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Worship – 11:00 a.m.

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