



**WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 13, 2019  
7:00 P.M.**

# THE UPPER ROOM

## AS WE GATHER

Tonight, we gather and listen to Jesus. In the Upper Room with His disciples, He takes an argument about glory and turns it into an invitation for service.

Jesus knows that His people often get things wrong. From the Israelites who elevated their worship of God over the God they worshiped, to the disciples who placed their following of the Lord over the Lord they followed, God's people frequently struggle with glory and service.

Tonight, Jesus has gathered His disciples for the Passover, and yet, as He looks over the room, He witnesses division and strife. The disciples are broken apart by arguments over greatness and glory.

Into this place of broken discipleship, Jesus brings the wholeness of salvation. His body and blood, His betrayal and death, transform the Upper Room from a place of strife over glory to a place of glorious service.

### HYMN

“Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way”

LSB 857

### LENTEN SENTENCES

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**People: the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Leader: Rend your hearts and not your garments.

**People: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader: Jesus said, “If any man would come after Me,

**People: let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.”**

Leader: Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

**People: He was bruised for our iniquities.**

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**People: the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**PRAYER**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray. . . Almighty God, You seek not our death or destruction but our life and salvation. Speak Your Word of rescue to our sin-sick hearts and fearful souls. Call us forth from the darkness of our guilt and shame. Bring us into the light of Your presence where Your forgiveness dwells. Restore us to Your people that our wandering ways may end. Direct us to the path Your Son has made that we may walk in it by faith and never depart from its hope, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Leader: Again let us pray. . . Blessed Lord, in the quiet of an Upper Room You revealed the Passover as Your own table and fulfilled its ancient promise with Your own life-giving flesh in bread and Your own blood as the cup of salvation. As once You knelt in humility to wash Your disciples’ feet, we pray You to give to us a heart of humility and a desire to love our neighbor with works of mercy and service, through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

**People: Amen.**

**READING**

Isaiah 66:1–2

(p. 529, ESV) (p.744, NIV)

Thus says the LORD:

“Heaven is My throne,

and the earth is My footstool;

what is the house that you would build for Me,

and what is the place of My rest?

All these things My hand has made,

and so all these things came to be,

declares the LORD.

But this is the one to whom I will look:

he who is humble and contrite in spirit

and trembles at My word.

**PSALM**

Psalm 123  
*(responsively by verse)*

(p. 440, ESV) (p.613, NIV)

To You I lift up my eyes,  
O You who are enthroned in the heavens!  
**Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the  
hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant  
to the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes look to the Lord our God,  
till He has mercy up on us.**

Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy up on us,  
for we have had more than enough of contempt.  
**Our soul has had more than enough of the  
scorn of those who are at ease,  
of the contempt of the proud.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**READING**

Luke 22:14–38

(p. 753, ESV) (p. 1043, NIV)

<sup>14</sup>And when the hour came, He reclined at table, and the apostles with Him.  
<sup>15</sup>And He said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. <sup>16</sup>For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” <sup>17</sup>And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. <sup>18</sup>For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” <sup>19</sup>And He took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.” <sup>20</sup>And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood. <sup>21</sup>But behold, the hand of him who betrays Me is with me on the table. <sup>22</sup>For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!” <sup>23</sup>And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.



## PRAYER

Leader: I desire then that in every place the people should pray,

**People: lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling.**

Leader: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

**People: let my cry come to You.**

Leader: In the day of trouble I call upon You,

**People: and You answer me.**

Leader: Save Your people and bless Your heritage!

**People: Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**

Leader: Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;

**People: listen to my plea for grace.**

Leader: Let us pray. . . O Lord, our God, we acknowledge Your great goodness toward us and praise You for the mercy and grace that our eyes have seen, our ears have heard, and our hearts have known.

**People: We sincerely repent of the sins of this day and those in the past. Pardon our offenses, correct and reform what is lacking in us, and help us to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Inscribe Your Law upon our hearts, and equip us to serve You with holy and blameless lives. May each day remind us of the coming of the night when no one can work.

**People: In the emptiness of this present age keep us united by a living faith through the power of Your Holy Spirit with Him who is the resurrection and the life, that we may escape the eternal bitter pains of condemnation.**

Leader: By Your Holy Spirit bless the preaching of Your Word and the administration of Your Sacraments.

**People: Preserve these gifts to us and to all Christians. Guard and protect us from all dangers to body and soul.**

Leader: Grant that we may with faithful perseverance receive from You our sorrows as well as our joys, knowing that health and sickness, riches and poverty, and all things come by permission of Your fatherly hand.

**People: Keep us this day under Your protective care and preserve us, securely trusting in Your everlasting goodness and love, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Leader: Help us, O Lord, this night

**People: to live without sin.**

Leader: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Leader: O Lord, let Your mercy be on us,

**People: as our trust is in You.**

Leader: Hear our prayer, O Lord.

**People: And let our cry come to You.**

Leader: O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who at this hour gathered with Your disciples, washing their feet and bidding them to serve You and their neighbor, give us the will and desire to serve others in Your name and the courage to serve without fear, that we may learn true humility and godliness by Your example and may so manifest Your saving love to the world; whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit You live and reign, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit bless and preserve you.

**People: Amen.**

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## Lent & Easter at Immanuel 2019

Join us for our Lenten series...

### “Places of the Passion”

#### Weekend Worship in lent

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Discipleship Hour 9:15 a.m.

Kids in Christ Kingdom (K.I.C.K)

Children’s Faith Hour 10:30 a.m.

Back Pew 11:40 a.m.

Open Gym 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**No Gathering Place during March**

#### Midweek Lenten Worship

##### March 20

**Theme:** Gethsemane: *A Place of Strength*

Chapel @ 1:15

Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Worship Service @ 7:00 p.m.

Festival Choir Rehearsal @ 7:30 p.m.

#### LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

##### *A Season of Hope*

This Lent we’re joining Lutheran World Relief’s campaign. Each week, we’ll collect a different item that we’ll use to assemble Personal Care Kits that give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life’s most challenging situations.

#### COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Mar 10: Soap (4 to 5 Oz.) Mar 31: Nail Clippers

Mar 17: Tooth Brush Apr 7: Bath Towel

Mar 24: Combs Apr 14: \$2.65 (shipping)

Join us to assemble Personal Care Kits on April 24 at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

#### HOLY WEEK

##### Palm Sunday Weekend

**April 13-14**

Saturday Worship: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Discipleship Hour: 9:15 a.m.

##### MAUNDY THURSDAY

**April 18**

Worship Service 7:00 p.m.

##### GOOD FRIDAY

**April 19**

Worship Service 7:00 p.m.

##### EASTER VIGIL

**April 20**

Worship Service 5:00 p.m.

##### EASTER SUNDAY

**April 21**

Easter Sunrise Service 6:00 a.m.

Easter Worship 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Easter Fellowship Hour 9:15 a.m.

##### *EASTER COFFEE AND ....*

Our Youth will be serving refreshments after each service in Fellowship Hall.

All proceeds will support youth trips and events.