# The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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#### MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 28, 2024

Noon and 7:00 p.m. Holy Communion

#### VISITORS AND MEMBERS

Good morning and welcome! Attendance cards and offerings will be collected at the door as you enter or leave, or you can do both electronically using the QR code on the back cover of this bulletin. If you are new to our online community, please let us know by commenting "new". We are glad you're here and look forward to meeting you. If you wish, you may also send an email to pastor@redeemerchurch.org. Please remember to "share" our worship post so that others may worship with us.

#### **AS WE GATHER**

Maundy Thursday (also called Holy Thursday) is historically part of the Easter Triduum, a three-part worship service that begins with Maundy Thursday, continues with Good Friday and ends with Saturday Easter vigil. Both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday may be one day off. The Gospel of Matthew quotes Jesus as stating He would be in the tomb, "Three days and three nights." This would require the crucifixion to be on Thursday and the Last Supper on Wednesday. The reason we have Good Friday was because it says the next day was a Sabbath (usually a Saturday) John says it was a special Sabbath (a day of no work connected to the Feast of Unleavened bread) which must have fallen on a Friday. Correct or not on this detail, we celebrate the Last Supper today.

The term "Maundy" is connected to John 13:34, where Jesus says, "A new commandment I give to you: Love one another. Even as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." The Latin for "commandment" is "mandatum," which is where we also get the word "mandate." Shortly before this new command (or mandate), Jesus washed the disciples' feet, demonstrating love, service, and humility.

PRESERVICE MUSIC "Agnus Dei from 'Requiem'" by W.A. Mozart arr. Gale

PREPARATION P

#### **INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the \$\P\$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** 1 Corinthians 11:27f

Pastor: Paul says, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an

unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the

Lord.

People: Let us examine ourselves then, and so eat of the bread and drink of

the cup.

Pastor: For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and

drinks judgment on himself.

(Silence as we examine our repentance for our sins and trust in God's promise of salvation and of the presence of Jesus in the Lord's Supper)

Pastor: God be merciful to us, forgive our sins, and give us a greater faith.

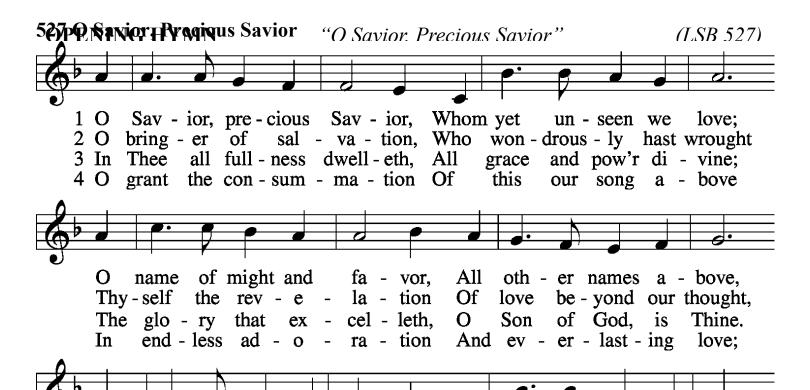
People: Open our minds to understand Your Word and believe Your

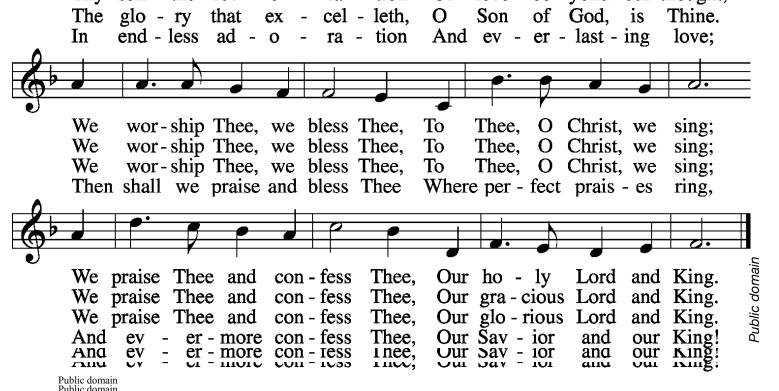
promises.

Pastor: May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

People: Amen.





INTROIT Psalm 116:1-5

Pastor: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;

**People:** Our God is merciful.

Pastor: I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

People: Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as

long as I live.

Pastor: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on

me; I suffered distress and anguish.

People: Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my

soul!"

Pastor: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;

**People:** Our God is merciful.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: Lord, we thank You for our unity with Christ and with one another through Christ. Strengthen us so that we may never fall away. We pray this in the name of Jesus who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit as one God, now and forever. Amen.

## t WORD t

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

<sup>3</sup> Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do." <sup>4</sup> And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup> And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. <sup>6</sup> And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. <sup>7</sup> Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." <sup>8</sup> And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words."

<sup>9</sup> Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup> and they saw the God of Israel. There was under His feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup> And He did not lay His hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

(following the reading ...)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

#### **EPISTLE READING**

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup> Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

(following the reading ...)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 14:12-26

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>12</sup> And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, His disciples said to Him, "Where will You have us go and prepare for You to eat the Passover?" <sup>13</sup> And He sent two of His disciples and said 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 master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is My guest room, where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?' <sup>15</sup> And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." <sup>16</sup> And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>17</sup> And when it was evening, He came with the twelve. <sup>18</sup> And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me, one who is eating with Me." <sup>19</sup> They began to be sorrowful and to say to Him one after another, "Is it I?" <sup>20</sup> He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with Me. <sup>21</sup> For the Son of Man goes as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

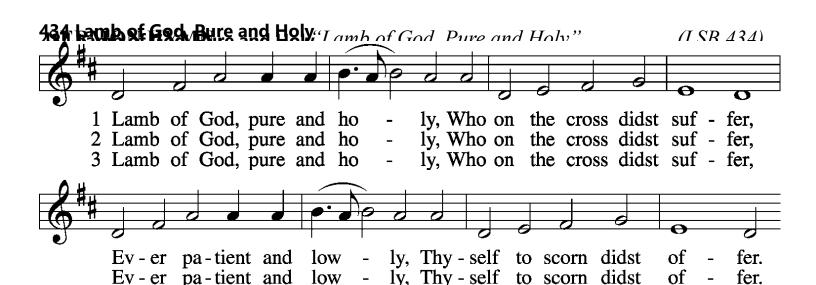
<sup>22</sup> And as they were eating, He took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is My body." <sup>23</sup> And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank of it. <sup>24</sup> And He said to them, "This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup> Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

<sup>26</sup> And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

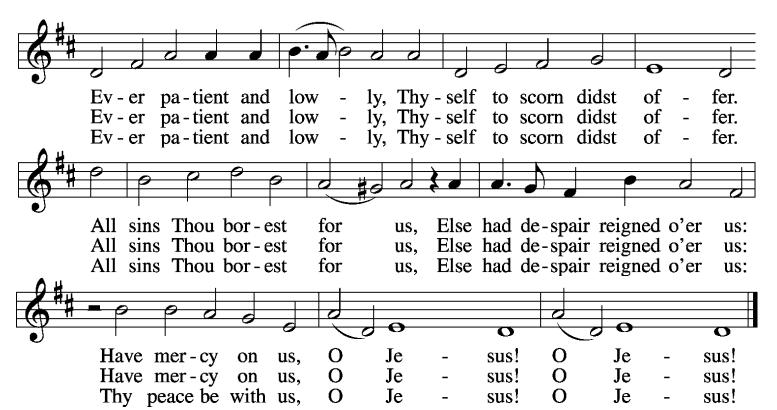
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Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.







#### **SERMON**

"A Mystical Union"
1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Intro: A simple act that is many profound things

- I. An Answer to Jesus' Prayer (John 17:20-23)
  - A. Did Jesus get His prayer answered?
  - B. Many kinds of unity, what is in view here?
  - C. Unified in a way similar to the Trinity
    - 1. A Mystical Union
    - 2. I am in Christ
    - 3. Christ is in me
- II. The Lord's Supper and the Mystical Union
  - A. The simple things we do when we participate
  - B. The profound thing we do
    - 1. Koinonia
    - 2. Participation, fellowship and more
  - C. Because there is one loaf, we who are many, are one body...
    - 1. Who or what is the loaf?
    - 2. Who is "we"?
    - 3. There are not many bodies of Christ; there is only one

#### III. So What?

- A. The many ways that Christians remain divided
- B. This unity saves us
- C. This unity is the beginning of other types of unity
- D. It starts with love one another

Why do you think the Lord's Supper is something to do repeatedly and not just once like Baptism?

If the mystical union extends outside of the room, who do you think should be able to participate in the Lord's Supper and who should not?

#### **RESPONSE OF FAITH** Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **OFFERING**

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#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

# ♣ SACRAMENT

#### LORD'S PRAYER

All:

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.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC (7pm only) "Thy Will Be Done" by J. Eilers (Choir)

Sometimes the load is heavy, And sometimes the road is long. And sometimes, Lord, this heart of mine Is not so very strong. But Thy will be done, Lord. Thy will be done.

Father, I do not ask You
To take this cup from me.
I only ask Your guidance
O'er paths I cannot see.
And Thy will be done, Lord,
Thy will be done.

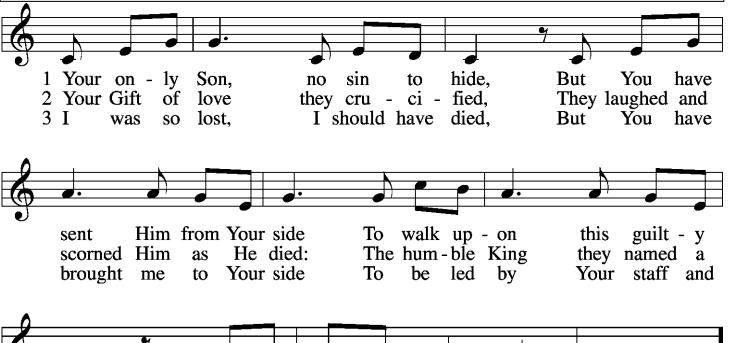
Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth As it is in heav'n.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom And the pow'r and the glory, Forever. Amen.

#### DISTRIBUTION

PLEASE NOTE: Because the sacrament can be taken to one's spiritual harm if not properly understood, *I Corinthians 11:27*, we ask all visitors to refer to our statement of belief found inside the back cover of this service folder before communing. We are eager for you to participate fully in every aspect of this ministry, but we do not want to compromise any portion of God's Word among us.

Even if you are not partaking in this Sacrament, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest. Children are invited to come forward and receive a baptismal blessing.

Gluten-free wafers are available if your health requires it. Please ask the Pastor for one when communing. For those who prefer not to have alcohol, there is white grape juice in the cups spare the contact of the tray.





#### **NUNC DIMITTIS**

Pastor: Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping that awake we may

watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

All: Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;

Your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation

which You have prepared in the sight of every people:

a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. 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.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping

that awake we may watch with Christ

and asleep we may rest in peace.

### **STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR** (7pm service only)

The communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn services of Good Friday. During the stripping of the altar, the congregation will pray the psalms as time permits:

#### Psalm 22

### To the choirmaster: according to The Doe of the Dawn. A Psalm of David.

My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?

Why are You so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

- <sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.
- <sup>3</sup> Yet You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- <sup>4</sup> In You our fathers trusted; they trusted, and You delivered them.
- <sup>5</sup> To You they cried and were rescued; in You they trusted and were not put to shame.

- <sup>6</sup> But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
- <sup>7</sup> All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
- 8 "He trusts in the Lord; let Him deliver Him; let Him rescue Him, for He delights in Him!"
- <sup>9</sup> Yet You are He who took me from the womb; You made me trust You at my mother's breasts.
- <sup>10</sup> On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb You have been my God.
- <sup>11</sup> Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.
- <sup>12</sup> Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
- <sup>13</sup> they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;
- <sup>15</sup> my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; You lay me in the dust of death.
- 16 For dogs encompass me;
  a company of evildoers encircles me;
  they have pierced my hands and feet—
  17 I can count all my bones—
  they stare and gloat over me;
  18 they divide my garments among them,
  and for my clothing they cast lots.
- <sup>19</sup> But You, O Lord, do not be far off! O You my help, come quickly to my aid!
- <sup>20</sup> Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog!
- Save me from the mouth of the lion!
  You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

- <sup>22</sup> I will tell of Your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise You:
- <sup>23</sup> You who fear the Lord, praise Him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him, and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel!
- <sup>24</sup> For He has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and He has not hidden his face from Him, but has heard, when he cried to Him.
- <sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear Him.
- <sup>26</sup> The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live forever!
- <sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.
- <sup>28</sup> For kingship belongs to the Lord, and He rules over the nations.
- <sup>29</sup> All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.
- <sup>30</sup> Posterity shall serve Him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
- <sup>31</sup> they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn, that He has done it.

#### Psalm 51

# To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

- <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- <sup>4</sup> Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight,
- so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.
- <sup>5</sup> Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- <sup>6</sup> Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- <sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- <sup>9</sup> Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
- <sup>11</sup> Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
- <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- <sup>13</sup> Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to You.
- 14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of Your righteousness.
- <sup>15</sup> O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- <sup>16</sup> For You will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; You will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
- <sup>17</sup> The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.
- <sup>18</sup> Do good to Zion in Your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem;
- <sup>19</sup> then will You delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on Your altar.

#### Psalm 88

# A Song. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah. To the choirmaster: according to Mahalath Leannoth. A Maskil of Heman the Ezrahite.

88 O Lord, God of my salvation, I cry out day and night before You.

<sup>2</sup> Let my prayer come before You; incline Your ear to my cry!

<sup>3</sup> For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to Sheol.

<sup>4</sup> I am counted among those who go down to the pit; I am a man who has no strength,

<sup>5</sup> like one set loose among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave,

like those whom You remember no more, for they are cut off from Your hand.

<sup>6</sup> You have put me in the depths of the pit, in the regions dark and deep.

<sup>7</sup> Your wrath lies heavy upon me, and You overwhelm me with all Your waves. Selah

<sup>8</sup> You have caused my companions to shun me; You have made me a horror to them.

I am shut in so that I cannot escape;

<sup>9</sup> my eye grows dim through sorrow.

Every day I call upon You, O Lord;

I spread out my hands to You.

10 Do you work wonders for the dead?

Do the departed rise up to praise You? Selah

<sup>11</sup> Is Your steadfast love declared in the grave, or Your faithfulness in Abaddon?

<sup>12</sup> Are Your wonders known in the darkness, or Your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

13 But I, O Lord, cry to You; in the morning my prayer comes before You.

14 O Lord, why do You cast my soul away? Why do You hide Your face from me?

<sup>15</sup> Afflicted and close to death from my youth up, I suffer Your terrors; I am helpless.

- <sup>16</sup> Your wrath has swept over me; Your dreadful assaults destroy me.
- <sup>17</sup> They surround me like a flood all day long; they close in on me together.
- <sup>18</sup> You have caused my beloved and my friend to shun me; my companions have become darkness.

#### The service ends in silence.

# Our Holy Week devotion continues tomorrow, Good Friday with Tenebrae Worship Service @Noon and 7pm at Redeemer Evansville and 7pm at Redeemer Newburgh.

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### Serving Today - Maundy Thursday

March 28, 2024
Attending Elder: Tim Grunow Communion Cleanup: Jan Corson Ushers: Barb Grunow. Judy Cameron Organist: Molly Wuertz

March 28, 2024 7:00 pm Traditional Worship:

Attending Elder: Barry Hampton Communion Cleanup: Chris Hampton Usher: Janice Elwood Organist: Molly Wuertz

Soloist: Scott Kempin

Serving Tomorrow - Good Friday

March 29, 2024 Noon Traditional Worship:

Attending Elder: Tim Grunow Organist: Molly Wuertz

Ushers: Barb Grunow, Judy Cameron

March 29, 2024 7:00 pm Traditional Worship:

Attending Elder: Chris Gamble Organist: Molly Wuertz

Ushers: Janice Elwood, Lori Smith Saxophone: Megan Voss-Warner