

Maundy Thursday
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(The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod)

WELCOME

INVOCATION:

Pastor: In the name of God the Father,

People: Who “so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

Pastor: In the name of God the Son,

People: Who “loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” (Ephesians 5:2)

Pastor: In the name of God the Holy Spirit,

People: Who points us to the cross that we may learn to “love one another.” (John 13:34)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love;

People: according to Your great compassion, blot out my transgressions.

Pastor: Wash away all my iniquity,

People: and cleanse me from my sin. (Psalm 51:1-2)

People: Almighty God, holy Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins, by which I have disobeyed and angered You and for which I deserve punishment in time and in eternity. I have fallen far short of Your glory by failing to love You and the neighbors You have given me. For Jesus’ sake forgive my offenses and release me from my guilt. Remove all sin from me, I beg You, and grant me by Your Spirit strength to amend my heart and will; through Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Dear friends, Jesus died for you. He took your sin upon Himself, suffered its terrible consequences, and vanquished its power. In Christ you are now free from death and need fear no condemnation. God is not angry with you, but

loves you with an unconquerable devotion. As a called and ordained minister of this gospel and with the authority of the Risen Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: God of love and grace, write Your new command on our hearts, that in likeness to Jesus Your Son we may fully and freely love all people. That many may be drawn to Christ the Savior, enable us by Your Spirit to prove our love through willing sacrifice and pure affection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who gave Himself into death yet lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: “How Wide the Love of Christ” (Lutheran Service Book, #535)

How wide the love of Christ!
It knows not class or race
But holds our one humanity
Within its broad embrace.

How long the love of Christ!
Its patience will not cease
Until this broken world is bound
In everlasting peace.

How high the love of Christ!
Beyond all thought it soars,
And yet upon our passing lives
Unmeasured mercy pours.

How deep the love of Christ,
Descending to a cross!
He bears within His wounded hands
All human pain and loss.

All praise to You, O Christ,
For love whose depth and height,
Whose length and breadth fill time and space
With endless life and light!

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THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Jeremiah 31:31–34*

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be My people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: *Hebrews 10:15–25*

The Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,
“This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, declares the Lord:
I will put My laws on their hearts,
and write them on their minds,”

then He adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh, and since we have a great Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He Who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is

the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Lector: Please rise, as you are able.

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 22nd chapter:

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 22:7–20*

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.” They said to Him, “Where will You have us prepare it?” He said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters and tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?’ And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.” And they went and found it just as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

And when the hour came, He reclined at table, and the apostles with Him. And He said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” 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.” And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.”

Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

Lector: We confess together our Christian faith, using the explanation to the Second Article of the Apostles’ Creed, from Luther’s Small Catechism:

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary is my Lord, Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true!

HYMN: “Drawn to the Cross” (LSB, #560)

Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed
With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in Thee my life, my rest,
Christ crucified, I come.

Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,
Thy grace abused, my misspent years;
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears,
Christ crucified, I come.

Wash me and take away each stain;
Let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing, though it be through pain,
Christ crucified, I come.

And then for work to do for Thee,
Which shall so sweet a service be
That angels well might envy me,
Christ crucified, I come.

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SERMON: “Draw Near” (*Hebrews 10:22*)

OFFERTORY:

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER:

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:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

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

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

The Lord’s Supper will be served in continuous stations. Please follow the ushers’ directions.

DISTRIBUTION SONG: “You Set a Table” by Kip Fox

I have seen still waters
I have walked their shores
In the midst of darkness
In the fiercest storms.

Because You set a table before me
And prepare a feast;
You pour the wine in the presence
Of my enemies.

In the gravest valleys
I am not afraid
Of the foes around me
Or the claims they make.

Because You set a table before me
And prepare a feast;
You pour the wine in the presence
Of my enemies.

Oh, My cup overflows;
Oh, You restore my soul.

Because You set a table before me
And prepare a feast;
You pour the wine in the presence
Of my enemies.

You set a table before me
And prepare a feast;
You pour the wine in the presence
Of my enemies.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Draw Near and take the Body of the Lord” LSB 637

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared” (LSB, #622)

Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared
This feast for our salvation;
It is Your body and Your blood,
And at Your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,
We come to You for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.

Although You did to heav’n ascend,
Where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in Your presence they behold
Your glory, all excelling,
And though Your people shall not see
Your glory and Your majesty
Till dawns the judgment morning,
Yet, Savior, You are not confined
To any habitation;
But You are present even now
Here with Your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,
Unmoved by any daring hand
Or subtle craft and cunning.

We eat this bread and drink this cup,
Your precious Word believing
That Your true body and Your blood
Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true;
All things are possible with You,
For You are Lord Almighty.

Though reason cannot understand,
Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is even now
At once in many places.
I leave to You how this can be;
Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unfailing.

Lord, I believe what You have said;
Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust,
And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears
Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.

Grant that we worthily receive
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins,
May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for Your grace
And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.

For Your consoling supper, Lord,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be
A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

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COMMON DISMISSAL:

Pastor: Now may this true body and blood our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in faith unto life everlasting.

People: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: We praise You, Lord Jesus, for love beyond measure! You prepared for us the Feast of Heaven and fed us with Your own Body and Blood that, forgiven, we may live forever with God. Daily intensify our love for You and everyone You died to redeem that with joy we serve one another in Your name and share with all the world the Cup of Pardon and the Bread of Life. Amen.

BENEDICAMUS:

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION: (2 Corinthians 13:14)

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “When You Woke That Thursday Morning” (LSB, #445 v. 1, 2, 4, 5)

When You woke that Thursday morning,
Savior, teacher, faithful friend,
Thoughts of self and safety scorning,
Knowing how the day would end;
Lamb of God, foretold for ages,
Now at last the hour had come
When but One could pay sin’s wages:
You assumed their dreadful sum.

Never so alone and lonely,
Longing with tormented heart
To be with Your dear ones only
For a quiet hour apart:
Sinless Lamb and fallen creature,
One last paschal meal to eat,
One last lesson as their teacher,
Washing Your disciples’ feet.

One in faith, in love united,
All one body, You the head,
When we meet, by You invited,
You are with us, as You said.
One with You and one another
In a unity sublime,
See in us Your sister, brother,
One in ev'ry place and time.

One day all the Church will capture
That bright vision glorious,
And Your saints will know the rapture
That Your heart desired for us,
When the longed-for peace and union
Of the Greatest and the least
Meet in joyous, blest communion
In Your never-ending feast.

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DISMISSAL:

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

In Christian Service:

All disciples of the Lord Jesus

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