

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)

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: “When You Woke That Thursday Morning” (LSB, #445)

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.

What was there that You could give them
That would never be outspent,
What great gift that would outlive them,
What last will and testament?
"Show Me and the world you love Me,
Know Me as the Lamb of God:
Do this in remembrance of Me,
Eat this body, drink this blood."

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.

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. John, the 13th 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: "My Song is Love Unknown" (LSB, #430)

My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.

Oh, who am I
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die?

He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.

But, oh, my friend,
My friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!

Sometimes they strew His way
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King.

Then "Crucify!"
Is all their breath,
And for His death
They thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight.

Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
Themselves displease
And 'gainst Him rise.

They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suff'ring goes
That He His foes
From thence might free.

In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.

Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

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SERMON

RITE OF CONFIRMATION (7PM)

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

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.

CHRISTIAN QUESTIONS WITH THEIR ANSWERS **DRAWN UP BY MARTIN LUTHER** **FOR THOSE WHO INTEND TO GO TO THE SACRAMENT**

Pastor: Do you believe that you are a sinner?

People: Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.

Pastor: How do you know this?

People: From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.

Pastor: Are you sorry for your sins?

People: Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.

Pastor: What have you deserved of God because of your sins?

People: His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation.

Pastor: Do you hope to be saved?

People: Yes, that is my hope.

Pastor: In whom then do you trust?

People: In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Who is Christ?

People: The Son of God, true God and man.

Pastor: How many Gods are there?

People: Only one, but there are three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Pastor: What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?

People: He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

Pastor: How do you know this?

People: From the Holy Gospel, from the words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Do you believe then that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?

People: Yes, I believe it.

Pastor: What convinces you to believe this?

People: The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.

Pastor: What should we do as we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?

People: We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Pastor: Why should we remember and proclaim His death?

People: First, so we may learn that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in God alone, and through faith in Him be saved.

Pastor: What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?

People: His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners.

Pastor: Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?

People: That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.

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 distributed at the altar rail. Please follow the ushers' directions.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “When I Behold Jesus Christ” (LSB, #542)

When I behold Jesus Christ,
True God who died for me,
I wonder much at His love
As He hung on the tree.

What kind of love is this?
What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there
To me on Calvary.

What kind of love is this?
What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there
To me on Calvary.

For me You gave all Your love,
For me You suffered pain;
I find no words, nothing can
Your selflessness explain.

What kind of love is this?
What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there
To me on Calvary.

What kind of love is this?
What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there
To me on Calvary.

You had no sin, holy Lord,
But You were tortured, tried;
On Golgotha there for all
My sins You bled and died.

What kind of love is this?
What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there
To me on Calvary.

What kind of love is this?
What kind of love is this?

You showed Your love, Jesus, there
To me on Calvary.

What love is this? Greater love
No one has ever known.
My life with God— this I owe
To You, and You alone.

What kind of love is this?
What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there
To me on Calvary.
What kind of love is this?
What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there
To me on Calvary.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “The Infant Priest Was Holy Born” (LSB, #624)

The infant Priest was holy born
For us unholy and forlorn;
From fleshly temple forth came He,
Anointed from eternity.

This great High Priest in human flesh
Was icon of God’s righteousness.
His hallowed touch brought sanctity;
His hand removed impurity.

The holy Lamb undaunted came
To God’s own altar lit with flame;
While weeping angels hid their eyes,
This Priest became a sacrifice.

But death would not the victor be
Of Him who hung upon the tree.
He leads us to the Holy Place
Within the veil, before God’s face.

The veil is torn, our Priest we see,
As at the rail on bended knee

Our hungry mouths from Him receive
The bread of immortality.

The body of God's Lamb we eat,
A priestly food and priestly meat;
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours
His quenching blood that life restores.

With cherubim and seraphim
Our voices join the endless hymn,
And "Holy, holy, holy" sing
To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "What Wondrous Love is This" (LSB 543)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!
When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.
To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb,
Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing His love for me,

And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.

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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.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR (7PM only)

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

In Christian Service:

All disciples of the Lord Jesus

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