



*GOD ON TRIAL - RESPITE*

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
**MARCH 28, 2024, 6:30 P.M.**



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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship this evening! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to hear His holy and powerful Word and celebrate His life-giving Sacraments, offering our prayers and praises as He strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with Him.

## SERVICE NOTES

**If you need any assistance**, please ask any of our ushers for help. In inclement weather, or if walking from your car is difficult, please make use of the carport. The ushers will gladly park and/or retrieve your car for you if needed.

**If you are a visitor with us today**, please sign the Guest Book before you leave today (the red binder in the front of church). If you would like to learn more about our church or are interested in church membership, please speak with Pastor Holtz or one of the elders.

**If you have small children**, please note that there is a Parents' Room at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily calm a child. From the Parents' Room you can still see, hear, and participate in the worship service.

**For your convenience** tonight's order of service is printed on the following pages. The order of service is based on the "Christian Questions and Answers" portion of Luther's Small Catechism, a series of questions and answers designed to promote self-examination prior to receiving the Lord's Supper.

**Holy Communion:** We hold to the ancient, biblical practice of "close communion," communing only confirmed members of our church or churches of our fellowship (ELS and WELS). Guests, please speak with the pastor prior to the service if you wish to commune. Thank you for your courteous respect of our beliefs and practices.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

Minister

Rev. Roger Holtz

Organist

Deb Meyer

Elder on Duty

Rod Meves

Altar Guild

Sandy Gillaume & Janet Heuser

# The Order of the Holy Communion

## OPENING HYMN

*'Twas On That Dark, That Doleful Night* | 164

## INVOCATION AND CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



**M:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



**M:** I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.



**C:** O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**INDIVIDUAL ABSOLUTION** – All of any age may come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive the personal announcement of the forgiveness of their sins.

**M:** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*You may be seated.*

## THE INTROIT & GLORIA PATRI

**M:** God forbid that I should glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. In Him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead: by Him we are redeemed and set at liberty. God be merciful to us and bless us: and cause his face to shine on us.

C: Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;  
As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,  
world with - out end. A - men.

## THE KYRIE—*LORD, HAVE MERCY*

*Psalm 123*

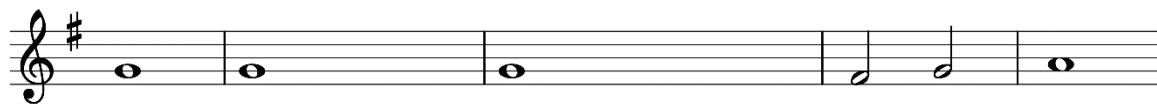
C: Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS—"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST"

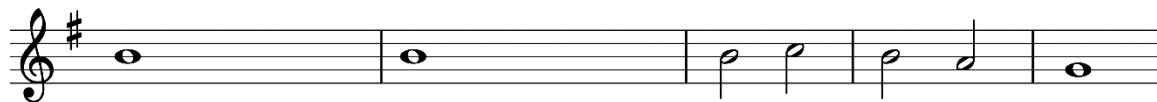
Luke 2:14



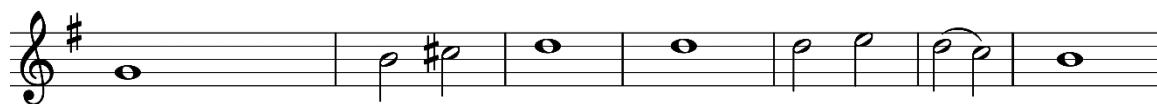
C: Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



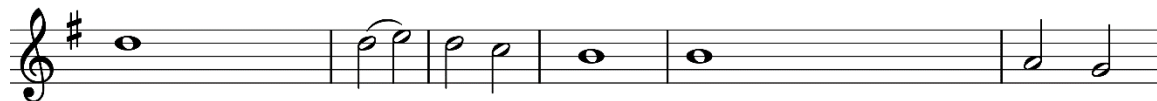
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God,



Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the



world, have mercy up - on us. Thou that takest away the sin of the



world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the

Father, have mercy up - on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou  
on - ly art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly  
Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

### THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And with thy spir - it.

*Please stand.*

**M:** Let us pray: Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, You give us Your true body and blood as a remembrance of Your suffering and death on a cross. Grant us so firmly to believe Your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** A - men.

*You may be seated.*

### FIRST LESSON: EXODUS 12:21-30

<sup>21</sup> Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Pick out and take lambs for yourselves according to your families, and kill the Passover *lamb*. <sup>22</sup> And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip *it* in the blood that *is* in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the

blood that *is* in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning. <sup>23</sup> For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike *you*. <sup>24</sup> And you shall observe this thing as an ordinance for you and your sons forever. <sup>25</sup> It will come to pass when you come to the land which the Lord will give you, just as He promised, that you shall keep this service. <sup>26</sup> And it shall be, when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' <sup>27</sup> that you shall say, 'It is the Passover sacrifice of the Lord, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our households.'" So the people bowed their heads and worshiped. <sup>28</sup> Then the children of Israel went away and did *so*; just as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

<sup>29</sup> And it came to pass at midnight that the LORD struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who *was* in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of livestock. <sup>30</sup> So Pharaoh rose in the night, he, all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt, for *there was* not a house where *there was* not one dead.

## PSALM116 (See Insert)

## SECOND LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 10:16-17

<sup>16</sup> The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the <sup>[a]</sup>communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup> For we, *though* many, are one bread *and* one body; for we all partake of that one bread.

## GRADUAL

1 Corinthians 11:26

**M:** Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL LESSON: MARK 14:12-26

<sup>12</sup> Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they killed the Passover lamb, His disciples said to Him, "Where do You want us to go and prepare, that You may eat the Passover?"

<sup>13</sup> And He sent out two of His disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him. <sup>14</sup> Wherever he goes in, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?" ' <sup>15</sup> Then he will show you a large upper room, furnished and prepared; there make ready for us."

<sup>16</sup> So His disciples went out, and came into the city, and found it just as He had said to them; and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>17</sup> In the evening He came with the twelve. <sup>18</sup> Now as they sat and ate, Jesus said, "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you who eats with Me will betray Me." <sup>19</sup> And they began to be sorrowful, and to say to Him one by one, "Is it I?" And another said, "Is it I?" <sup>20</sup> He answered and said to them, "It is one of the twelve, who dips with Me in the dish. <sup>21</sup> The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had never been born." <sup>22</sup> And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." <sup>23</sup> Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. <sup>24</sup> And He said to them, "This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many. <sup>25</sup> Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink 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.

**M:** This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

## THE NICENE CREED

**C:** 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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe 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.

*You may be seated.*

**CHOIR**

*Around the Table*



## SERMON – LUKE 22:7-20

*God on Trial: Respite*

## THE OFFERING

*Please stand.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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## THE PREFACES &amp; THE SANCTUS (“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”)

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And with thy spir - it.

M: Lift up your hearts.



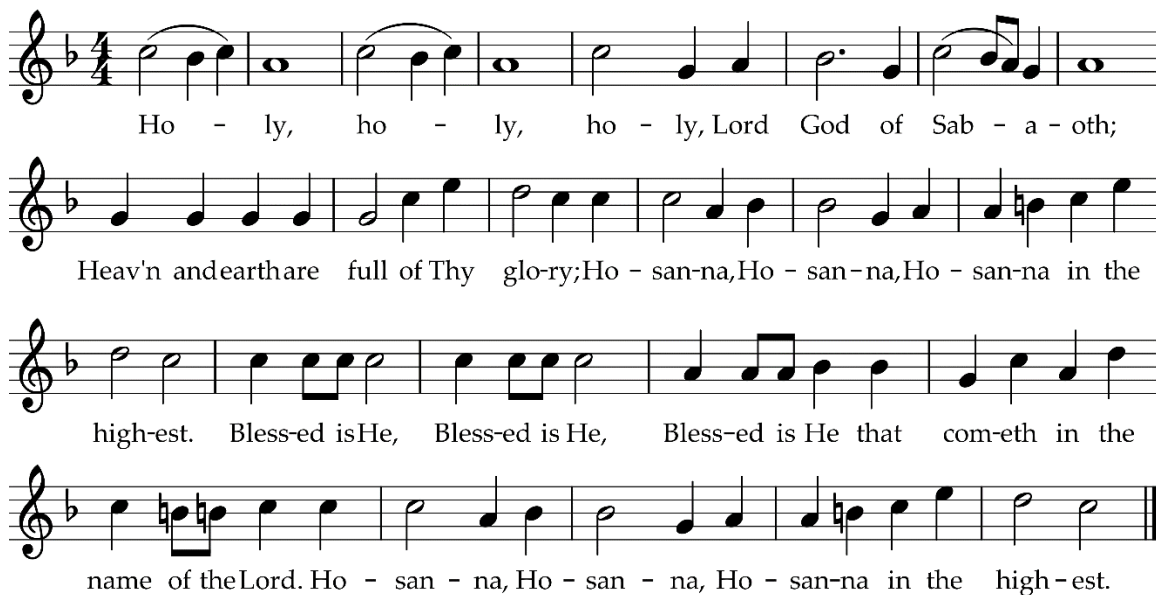
C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



C: It is meet and right so to do.

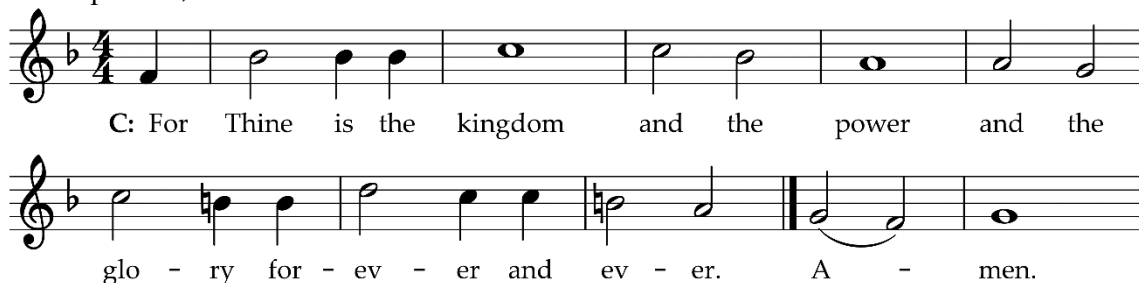
M: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; Who on the tree of the cross didst give salvation unto mankind that, he who by a tree once overcame might likewise by a tree be overcome. Through Christ our Lord; through whom with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
 Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo-ry; Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the  
 high-est. Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He that com-eth in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san-na in the high-est.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**M:** 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.



C: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the  
 glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying: "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do in remembrance of Me."

## THE PAX DOMINI (Peace of the Lord)

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



## THE LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



*You may be seated.*

*During the Distribution, communicants may come forward at the direction of the ushers.*

## THE DISTRIBUTION

### CHOIR

*Take and Eat*

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken | 143*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**M:** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your Mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

## THE BENEDICTION

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And with Thy Spirit.**

**M:** Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C: Amen, amen, amen.**

*You may be seated.*

## CLOSING HYMN

*The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord* | 163

## THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*During the closing hymn, women from the congregation will remove the Communion vessels and solemnly strip the altar and chancel of vestments to remind us all of the Lord's abandonment by his disciples and in preparation for Good Friday. When the women have finished removing all the paraments from the chancel, they will exit the sanctuary. Upon a moment for meditation and reflection, the congregation is also dismissed.*

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

***Good Friday Service – March 29, 6:30 p.m.***

***Easter Festival Service (Comm.) – March 31, 8:00 a.m.***



*Easter Breakfast* will be served  
following the Easter Festival  
Service.