

# CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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REACHING, TEACHING, AND LIVING WITH THE CROSS OF CHRIST"

## Maundy Thursday Reflection

### As We Gather

This Lent, we have been using the metaphor of eyesight to examine how the various people in Mark's Gospel viewed Jesus during His Passion. In most cases, they misunderstood who He was and what He was doing; then again, sometimes by faith people did recognize Him correctly.

As we conclude these forty days of Lent, looking within ourselves as people of faith in our day, we again ask how we are like or unlike the people who saw Jesus in the flesh. Most important, as we gather for worship, we see again what Jesus has done to save us from our sins by His holy, precious blood and innocent suffering and death.

It is difficult for us to look through the eyes of the disciples when they were celebrating Passover, but it was within that context that Jesus pronounced the bread and wine to be His Body and Blood. Today, it is within the liturgy of the Lord's Supper that our LORD's Words call us to recognize more than meets our physical eyes. What do we perceive?



**Our theme for Lent is:**  
*"Eyes of Jesus"*

## OFFICE OF VESPERS

HYMN OF INVOCATION: *"Our Eyes Behold the Savior's Face"*

1.  
**Our eyes behold the Savior's face  
And yet cannot perceive  
That His perspective held our grace  
Before we could believe.**

2.  
**Our focus flits and fails  
To see The One whose steadfast gaze  
Propelled Him to the darkened tree  
Enveloped in death's haze.**

3.  
**Our sights train on the dreadful cross.  
Beneath His knowing eyes,  
Our sins are bare and set for loss;  
He sees us as His prize.**

4.  
**Our vision blurs with anxious tears  
As Jesus' eyelids fall  
To conquer sin and all our fears  
And tear in two our pall.**

5.  
**Our view scans for the coming Day That evermore grows near,  
When Jesus wipes our tears away And all is crystal clear.**

### OPENING VERSICLES

**P** (Chanted) O LORD, open my lips,  
**C** (Sung) and my mouth will declare Your praise.

**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O LORD.

**C** 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.

Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our Salvation.

✠ READING OF THE PASSION ✠

OFFICE HYMN: “*Not All the Blood of Beast*” ..... (LSB: 431)

1.  
Not all the blood of beasts On Jewish altars slain  
Could give the guilty conscience peace  
Or wash away the stain.

2.  
But Christ, the heav’nly Lamb, Takes all our  
sins away; A Sacrifice of Nobler Name  
And Richer Blood than they.

3.  
My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of  
Thine, While as a penitent I stand,  
And there confess my sin.

4.  
My soul looks back to see The burden Thou  
didst bear When hanging on the cursèd tree;  
I know my guilt was there.

5.  
Believing, we rejoice To see the curse remove;  
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice And sing His Bleeding Love.

✠ READING OF THE PASSION ✠

OFFICE HYMN: “*Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness*” ..... (LSB:563)

1.  
Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness  
My beauty are, my Glorious Dress;  
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.

2.  
Bold shall I stand in that Great Day,  
Cleansed and Redeemed, no debt to pay;  
Fully Absolved through these I am  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

3.  
LORD, I believe Thy Precious Blood,  
Which at the Mercy Seat of God  
Pleads for the captives’ Liberty,  
Was also Shed in Love for me.

4.  
LORD, I believe, were sinners more  
Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
Thou hast for all a Ransom Paid,  
For all a Full Atonement made.

5.  
When from the dust of death I Rise  
To claim my Mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea:  
Jesus hath Lived and Died for me.

6.  
Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
Whose Boundless Mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
An Everlasting Ransom Paid.

✠ READING OF THE PASSION ✠

HYMN: "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary" ..... (LSB: 423)

1.  
Jesus, Refuge of the weary,  
Blest Redeemer, Whom we love,  
Fountain in life's desert dreary,  
Savior from the World above:  
Often have Your eyes, offended,  
Gazed upon the sinner's fall;  
Yet upon the Cross extended,  
You have borne the pain of all.

2.  
Do we pass that Cross unheeding,  
Breathing no repentant vow,  
Though we see You Wounded, Bleeding,  
See Your Thorn-encircled brow?  
Yet Your Sinless death has brought us  
Life Eternal, Peace, and Rest;  
Only what Your Grace has taught us  
Calms the sinner's deep distress.

3.  
Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent Love for You;  
May our eyes be ever turning To behold Your Cross anew  
Till in Glory, parted never From the Blessed Savior's side,  
Graven in our hearts Forever, Dwell the Cross, the Crucified.

✠ READING OF THE PASSION ✠

HYMN: "Glory Be to Jesus" ..... (LSB: 433)

1.  
Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the lifeblood From His sacred  
veins!

2.  
Grace and life eternal In that blood I find;  
Blest be His compassion, Infinitely kind!

3.  
Blest through endless ages Be the precious  
stream Which from endless torment Did the  
world redeem!

4.  
Abel's blood for vengeance Pleaded to the  
skies; But the blood of Jesus For our pardon  
cries.

5.  
Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.

6.  
Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder Praise the precious  
blood!

✠ READING OF THE PASSION ✠

HYMN: "No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet" ..... (LSB: 444)

1.  
No tramp of soldiers' marching feet  
With banners and with drums,  
No sound of music's martial beat:  
"The King of Glory comes!"  
To greet what pomp of Kingly Pride  
No bells in Triumph ring,  
No city gates swing open wide:  
"Behold, behold your King!"

2.  
And yet He comes. The children cheer;  
With palms His path is strown.  
With ev'ry step the Cross draws near:  
The King of Glory's Throne.  
Astride a colt He passes by  
As loud hosannas ring,  
Or else the very stones would cry  
"Behold, behold your King!"

3.  
What fading flow'rs His road adorn;  
The palms, how soon laid down!  
No bloom or leaf but only thorn  
The King of Glory's Crown.  
The soldiers mock, the rabble cries,  
The streets with tumult ring,  
As Pilate to the mob replies,  
"Behold, behold your King!"

4.  
Now He who bore for mortals' sake  
The Cross and all its pains  
And chose a servant's form to take,  
The King of Glory Reigns.  
Hosanna to the Savior's Name  
Till heaven's rafters ring,  
And all the ransomed host proclaim  
"Behold, behold your King!"

RESPONSORY ..... [LSB: pg. 231]

**P** Deliver me, O LORD, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.  
**C** **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

**P** In You, O LORD, do I put my trust, leave me not, O LORD, my God.  
**C** **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

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SERMON: *“More Than Meets the Eye” (Mark 14:22–25)*

✠ CANTICLE ✠

ANTIPHON (*Please stand*) ..... [LSB: pg. 231]

**P** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,  
**C** **and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

MANIFICAT ..... [LSB: pg. 231]

**C** **My soul magnifies the LORD, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;**

**I. for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.**  
II. For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.

**I. For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and Holy is His Name;**  
II. and His Mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

**I. He has shown Strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.**  
II. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.

**I. He has filled the hungry with Good Things, and the rich He has sent empty away.**  
II. He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His Mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to His Seed Forever.

**C** **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.**

*(Please be seated)*

OFFERING ..... [LSB: pg. 232]

✠ Prayer ✠

KYRIE (*Please stand*) ..... [LSB: pg. 233]

**C** **LORD, have Mercy; Christ, have Mercy; LORD, have Mercy.**

LORD’S PRAYER ..... [LSB: pg. 233]

**C** **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.**

COLLECTS ..... [LSB: pg. 233]

**P** O LORD, hear my prayer.  
**C** **And let my cry come to You.**

**P** O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, ☩ Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.  
**C** **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR LENT

**L** LORD Jesus Christ, in the Garden of Gethsemane You suffered the agony of drinking from the Cup of Your Father's wrath against our sin, being betrayed by a kiss from one of Your Own. Give us Strength to remain awake as we now wait and watch for Your coming again, knowing that the Father's wrath against us has been satisfied by Your Bloody Death and vindicating Resurrection; for You Live and Reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.  
**C** **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PEACE

**L** O God, from Whom come all Holy Desires, all Good Counsels, and all Just Works, give to us, Your servants, that Peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your Commandments and also that we, being Defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in Peace and Quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, ☩ Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.  
**C** **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS ..... [LSB: pg. 234]

**L** Let us bless the LORD.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION ..... [LSB: pg. 234]

**P** The Grace of our LORD ☩ Jesus Christ and the Love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**C** **Amen.**

HYMN TO DEPART: "*Now the Light Has Gone Away*" ..... (LSB: 887)

**1.**  
**Now the light has gone away; Father, listen while  
I pray, Asking Thee to Watch and Keep  
And to send me quiet sleep.**

**2.**  
**Jesus, Savior, Wash away All that has been  
wrong today; Help me ev'ry day to be Good and  
Gentle, more like Thee.**

**3.**  
Let my near and dear ones be Always near and  
dear to Thee; O bring me and all I love To Thy  
Happy Home Above.

**4.**  
Now my evening praise I give; Thou didst die  
that I might Live. All my blessings come from  
Thee; Oh, how Good Thou art to me!

**5.**  
Thou, my Best and Kindest Friend, Thou wilt Love me to the end.  
Let me Love Thee more and more, Always better than before.