

# **Maundy Thursday**

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### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

We remember, Lord Jesus, that on this night in which You were betrayed, You provided the blessed meal of Your Holy Supper for us. On the eve of the most dreadful hours of Your life, we should think of what You were facing. But You did not think of Yourself. You thought of us. You cared for us, and You remembered us so that we could remember often what You have done for our salvation. Accept now our thanks, Lord, and keep alive in us the hope that we shall break bread with You in eternity. Amen.

**The Lord's Supper** is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Cor. 11:17-34), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to speak with the Pastor prior to communing with us for the first time. We thank you for respecting our belief and practice regarding the Lord's Supper.



## **Maundy Thursday**

### **He Prepares a Table**

"As when the shepherd calls his sheep, They know and heed his voice; So when You call Your family Lord, We follow and rejoice" (*LSB* 641:1). While the specific word *shepherd* does not appear in Isaiah 49:7–13, the words *graze*, *pasture*, *lead*, and *guide* make it clear that the Suffering Servant is a very good Shepherd. He leads His flock to find food on barren heights, and in the hottest of weather He gives His sheep unlimited water. The Servant promises, "They shall not hunger or thirst" (Isaiah 49:10). Indeed, He prepares a Table for us where we feast on His true body and true blood. We celebrate these marvelous gifts on Holy Thursday, even as we sing, "You satisfy the hungry heart With gift of finest wheat. Come give to us, O saving Lord, The bread of life to eat" (*LSB* 641 refrain).

# Confession and Absolution

**Choir: Mandatum** by Peter Latora

Refrain

Choir: I give you a new commandment,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.

**Cong:**

1. After the Lord had risen from supper, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the feet of His disciples: He left them this example.

Jesus said to his disciples:

**Cong: Refrain**

2. The Lord Jesus, after eating supper with His disciples, washed their feet and said to them: Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done for you? I have given you an example, that you should do likewise.

Jesus said to His disciples:

**Cong: Refrain**

3. Lord, are You to wash my feet? Jesus said to him in answer: If I do not wash your feet, you will have no share with Me.

Jesus said to His disciples:

**Cong: Refrain**

4. So He came to Simon Peter and Peter said to him: Lord, are You to wash my feet? Jesus said to him in answer: If I do not wash your feet, you will have no share with Me.

What I am doing, you do not know for now, but later you will come to know.

Lord, are You to wash my feet? Jesus said to him in answer: If I do not wash your feet, you will have no share with Me.

Jesus said to His disciples:

**Cong: Refrain**

5. If I, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, how much more should you wash each other's feet?

This is how all will know that you are My disciples: if you have love for one another.

Jesus said to His disciples:

**Cong: Refrain**

6. Let faith, hope and charity, these three, remain among you, but the greatest of these is charity.

Now faith, hope and charity, these three, remain; but the greatest of these is charity.

Jesus said to His disciples:

**Cong: Refrain**

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.



## Service of the Word

### 435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

#### Old Testament Reading: Exodus 24:3-11

**A** A reading from Exodus, the twenty-fourth chapter.

Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the just decrees And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do." 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. And he sent young men of the people of

Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. 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." 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."

Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, 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. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 116:12–19** (*antiphon: v. 17*)



I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving\*  
and call on the name | of the LORD.

**What shall I render | to the LORD \***  
**for all his bene- | fits to me?**

I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation\*  
and call on the name | of the LORD,

**I will pay my vows | to the LORD \***  
**in the presence of all his | people.**

Precious in the sight | of the LORD \*  
is the death | of his saints.

**O LORD, I am your | servant;\***  
**I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.**  
**You have | loosed my bonds.**

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving\*  
and call on the name | of the LORD.

**I will pay my vows | to the LORD \***  
**in the presence of all his | people,**

in the courts of the house | of the LORD,\*  
in your midst, O Jerusalem. | Praise the LORD!

**I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving\***  
**and call on the name | of the LORD.**

### **Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17**

**A** A reading from First Corinthians, the tenth chapter.

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? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### **430 My Song Is Love Unknown vs. 1, 5, 7**

### **Holy Gospel: Mark 14:12-26**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter.

**G** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, [Jesus'] disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" 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, 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?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. 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." They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. 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."

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." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. 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."

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## **431 Not All the Blood of Beasts**

### **Sermon**

#### **"The Blood of the Covenant"**

Based on the Old Testament Reading

*Stand*



### **Creed**

#### **953 We All Believe in One True God**

## Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer, we thank You that on the night You were handed over to Your voluntary suffering and death, You instituted for us the Holy Sacrament of Your true body and blood as a perpetual memorial of Your atoning sacrifice, a solemn pledge of Your mercy and continual presence, and a salutary means of grace.

- P** Lord, in Your mercy;

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** You are the true and only Passover Lamb in this Holy Supper, and by giving us Your body to eat and Your blood to drink You grant us a wondrous communion with You as very members of Your Body. Here do You impart and seal to us the merits of Your death, the forgiveness of our sins, so that by these, Your gifts of life and salvation, we are righteous and acceptable in the sight of God.

- P** Lord, in Your mercy;

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** O Lord, we have in no way deserved Your goodness, nor can we ever sufficiently thank You for Your loving-kindness toward us. We beseech You, however, to strengthen and sustain us by this blessed and Holy Sacrament. Enable us, by Your grace, daily to appropriate and experience the blessings of Your Passion in such a way that we may heartily praise You for our redemption and from day to day be more intimately united to You by faith and love.

- P** Lord, in Your mercy;

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Kindle in us always such a fervent longing for blessed communion with You in the Holy Supper that we may come often to Your Table. By your Holy Spirit also work in us true repentance and a steadfast faith in Your gracious promises, a sincere desire to be in perfect charity with all people, and the earnest purpose to amend our sinful lives, that we may be worthy recipients of the Holy

Sacrament and, with full pardon of all our sins, be enlivened in the way of righteousness, that we may serve You in holiness and pureness of living and give You continual thanks for all Your goodness.

**P** Lord, in Your mercy;

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** May Your Holy Supper be a source of comfort to the penitent, means of enrichment to the poor in spirit, to the sick a sweet relief from the bitterness of pain, and to the dying a pledge of their inheritance with the saints in light.

**P** Lord, in Your mercy;

**C** **hear our prayer.**

### **(Additional petitions)**

**P** Abide in Your Church with Your gracious presence, and let her at all times be a faithful keeper and dispenser of the heavenly treasures entrusted to her for those who believe in You. Bless the right use of the means of grace wherever the remembrance of Your death is kept until You come to judge the living and the dead. Let Your Word and Sacrament strengthen our souls during the days of our pilgrimage on earth, until hereafter we partake of Your Supper with You in Your Father's kingdom; for You live and reign with Him and with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

### **Offering**

*(Please add your name to the red fellowship book and pass it to your fellow worshipers.)*

*Stand*

## **Service of the Sacrament**

### **Preface**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## **Sanctus**

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**Lord God of power and might:**

**Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**P** Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**G** 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  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 testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**G** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

**G** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.



## **DISTRIBUTION**

**626 Come, Let Us Eat**

**Choir: Behold the Lamb** by Dana Mengel

**629 What Is This Bread**

*Stand*

## **Post-Communion Canticle**

Nunc Dimittis

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace  
according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles  
and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

## **Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray.  
Risen Savior, You are the firstfruits of those that have fallen asleep.  
May we who have partaken of the fruits of Your cross bear  
resurrection fruit unto eternal life; for You live and reign with the  
Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

The congregation is seated.

**The extinguishing of the candles.**

## **The Stripping of the Altar**

The Stripping of the Altar is an ancient feature of Maundy Thursday, symbolic of the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the soldiers in the Garden of Gethsemane. Immediately after the candles are extinguished in the Divine Service, the communion vessels and other appointments are reverently removed from the altar and the paraments are stripped from the altar, lectern, and pulpit. The chancel has been cleared in preparation for the solemn services of Good Friday.

### **434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy**

#### **Closing Reading: Matthew 26:30–35**

- P** And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!" And all the disciples said the same.

***At the conclusion of the stripping of the altar,  
please leave the sanctuary in silence.***



# ***Soli Deo Gloria !***

*(To God alone be the glory.)*



*In a most solemn and intimate setting with His disciples on the eve of His death, Jesus spoke fewer than fifty words to institute the Holy Supper. Jesus said what He meant and meant what He said when He said, “This **is** My body ... This **is** My blood.”*

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