



THE LAST SUPPER

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Meal to Meal: The Passover to the Lord's Supper

This evening, we partake of a meal that the Lord God has prepared with His own hands. It is a holy feast that nourishes our faith and restores our souls. It is a rich feast purchased with the most costly coin, the Son of God. Today, we eat and drink and remember and give humble thanks. Other holy meals have brought us to this feast; all meals provided by the hands of the Holy One. This day, we remember the Passover meal and the blood of the lamb on the doorposts that protected from the angel of death. We remember the day of Passover and the lamb because it points to the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. It points us to this holy feast of His body and blood. But there is one more, one greater feast yet to come—the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end. A feast provided by the hands of the Lord God. A feast enjoyed in the presence of the Lamb in the courts of His heaven. A greater feast indeed!

HYMN “O Christ, You Walked That Road” LSB 424, 2-3, 5

+ Preparation +

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

- P** Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come. He entered once for all into the holy places,
- C** **By means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.**
- P** Therefore, He is the mediator of a new covenant,
- C** **So that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.**

HYMN “When You Woke That Thursday Morning” LSB 445

SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
O Lord, in this Sacrament You fulfilled and replaced the Passover meal of the old covenant with Your sacrifice once and for all.
- C** **Grant us the faith to see that we have been rescued and redeemed thereby, and to live as Your people each day, until we celebrate the marriage feast in Your eternal presence;**
- P** for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

+ Confession and Absolution +

- P** Beloved in the Lord, since it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, in which He

strengthens our faith by giving us His body to eat and His blood to drink. It is the meal of the new covenant.

Therefore, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves; but when we do, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves.

Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us and by His sacrifice for us took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve. By His death, He offers us full and free forgiveness.

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C Amen.

P Let us then confess our sins to our heavenly Father, imploring Him for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

C O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto 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.

P 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in T peace.

C Amen.

+ Word +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 12:1–14

- L** The Old Testament Reading is from the twelfth chapter of Exodus. The Passover is to be observed each year.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish,

C **A lamb without blemish.**

- L** A male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord’s Passover.

C **The Lord’s Passover.**

- L** For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man

and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. “This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.”

C A feast to the Lord.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 11:23–32

- L** The Epistle is from the eleventh chapter of First Corinthians. We partake of the New Covenant.
- L** For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, “This is My body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood.”

C The new covenant!

- L** “Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C For as often as we eat this bread and drink the cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

- L** Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are

judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 14:12–26

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter. Jesus institutes the New Covenant.
- L** And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, [Jesus'] disciples said to Him,
- C** **“Where will You have us go and prepare for You to eat the Passover?”**
- L** 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,
C **“Is it I?”**
- P** “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.”
- C** **The body of the Lord.**
- L** 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.”

C The blood of the covenant.

P “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 to You, O Christ.

HYMN “Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling” LSB 630

SERMON “Meal to Meal: The Passover to the Lord’s Supper”

THE NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

I believe 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 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 sits at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and

glorified, Who spoke 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Gracious God, offering full and free forgiveness,
- C** we come in spiritual sackcloth and ashes, painfully aware of our sins and failings. Graciously wash us and clothe us with the robe of Christ's own righteousness so that we may live eternally with all Your saints.

- P** Eden's Lord and ours,
- C** hear us and all who call out to You in pain and sorrow, sweat or tears. Remind us of Your painful victory over every temptation, and strengthen us to follow where You have led the way.

- P** Protecting Father,
- C** assure us of Your presence on our journey through the desert of this world and bring us at last to the paradise purchased by Your Son.

- P** O Holy Spirit,
- C** nourish our faith and restore our souls each time we come to the Table of the Lord and receive His body and blood, a foretaste of the feast to come.

- P** Holy and merciful Lord over all,
- C** we feel the burden of our sin; renew in us the firm faith that Your Son has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows, giving His life for ours.

- P** Everlasting Father,
- C** our Savior has conquered death. Fill us with rejoicing, confident that we shall therefore gather around the eternal throne of the Lamb, Your Son, who with You

**and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

PEACE OF THE LORD

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (spoken as the offerings are brought forward)

- P** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
C **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.**
- P** Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.
[Ps 116:12–16]
C **Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit.** [1 Pet 3:18]
- P** For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.
C **The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.** [Rom 6:9-10]
- P** We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. [Heb 10:10]
C Amen.

+ 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 is the Lamb without blemish in the new covenant, freeing us from slavery to sin and calling us into Your holy presence. 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

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- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
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 our God, King of the universe, for though we deserved to be left in exile, bound to sin against You in thought, word, and deed, You sent Your Son to establish the new covenant in His blood. By His death our life is secured; by His rising He has led the way to Your eternal presence.
- C** Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink our Savior's body and blood and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in this sacrament, a foretaste of the feast to come. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship,

with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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- 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 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 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

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

LORD'S PRAYER

- 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.

AGNUS DEI

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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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Your Table I Approach”	LSB 628 1-3, 6
“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face”	LSB 631 1-5

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

It is the night in which our Savior was betrayed. We remove the appointments of the chancel to symbolize the abuse He received. The candles shine no more as the Light of the World is taken to His death, the books are closed as the Word is silenced for a time, the paraments on the altar are removed as our Lord’s body is laid bare, and the altar is left alone for the sacrifice to be remembered tomorrow.

*As the elders and altar guild members strip the altar,
we will speak together the benediction*

BENEDICTION

- P** As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says,
- C** "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you."
- P** I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. ...
- C** As servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses;
- P** In beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger;

- C** In purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love;
- P** In truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left;
- C** Through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors;
- P** Known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; sorrowful, yet always rejoicing;
- C** Poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything. [2 Cor 6:1-10]
- P** “Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word;
- C** For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all peoples,
- P** A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles,
- C** And the glory of Your people Israel.” [Luke 2:29-32]
- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all.
- C** Amen.

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Easter at King of Kings

Good Friday - March 30 at 7:00 pm.

Saturday Family Event - March 31 at 10:00 am.

Sunday April 1, 2018

7:00 AM - Sunrise Service

9:00 AM - Liturgy of Praise

11:00 AM - Praise Alive!

EASTER BREAKFAST will be served 8am-11am
Easter morning. Free will donations will be
accepted to support our summer youth gathering
and mission trips.