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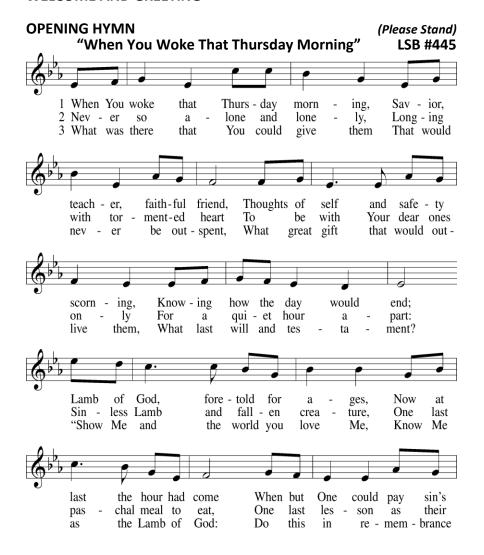
The word "Maundy" is derived from the Latin word "Mandatus" which means "to command".
We remember Jesus' three commands on this holy night.



(Hymns are from the Lutheran Service Book and The Celebration Hymnal)

PRELUDE "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Vandertuin

WELCOME AND GREETING





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THE INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

- P: This is the night that Christ, the Lamb of God, gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.
- C: This is the night that Christ gathered with his disciples in the Upper Room.
- P: This is the night that Christ took a towel and washed his disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.
- C: This is the night that Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his holy sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection and the last day may reign with him in heaven.
- P: This is the night of Christ's new commandment of love.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

P: People of God, we gather to meet our Savior. We must come with humility and honesty to meet our Lord. Let us then confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

A: Almighty God, we have promised our love and renewed commitment to you, especially in this season of Lent. Instead, we have proven to be disobedient and ungrateful. We have promised our love and servanthood to each other. Instead, we have sown seeds of hate, envy, bitterness. We have promised

to live in the power of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Instead, we have listened to the powers of darkness. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, the suffering and humble servant, forgive us, we pray, and renew us in his power. Amen.

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

P: God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding (Romans 5:8 & Eph. 1:7). Therefore, people of God, we are assured that our sins are forgiven and that we are brought to new life in Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN "The Old Rugged Cross" CEL #327 vs. 1-2

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suff'ring and shame;
And I love that old cross, where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down.
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it someday for a crown.

O the old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down.
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it someday for a crown.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE PSALM READING Psalm 116:12-19

R: The Psalm Reading for Maundy Thursday is from the 116th Psalm.

What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me? 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. 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 thanksgiving 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!

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE FIRST READING

I Corinthians 10:16-17

R: The First Reading is from the 10th chapter of First Corinthians. 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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 6:1-15

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy

bread, so that these people may eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So, the men sat down, about five thousand in number. Jesus then took the loaves. and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also, the fish, as much as they wanted. And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." So, they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!" Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN "Lamb of God" Cel. #302

Verse 1

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
but You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood.
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Verse 2

Your gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died;
The humble King they named a fraud,
and sacrificed the Lamb of God
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood.
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Verse 3

I was so lost I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood.
Till I am just a lamb of God.

MESSAGE

"Feeding of the 5,000"

THE APOSTLES' CREED

A: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

VOLUNTARY "Behold the Lamb" Choral Ensemble

As we listen to the Voluntary, we ask that each worship household fill out the attendance "Green Card," located in your ministry folder. Please place them in the offering plate when you leave. Thank you.

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A: 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 INSTITUTION

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BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you

and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

Verse 1

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Verse 2

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

Verse 3

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom; but I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.

But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR - Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

"He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"

Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.

On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God.

Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help. Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me; they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet -

I can count all my bones - they stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

But you, O LORD, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog!

Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

POSTLUDE