

Maundy Thursday
March 28, 2024

Modified Compline with Communion

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church -- Huron, South Dakota

The congregation assembles in silence.

L The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

C Amen.

L It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

C to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

L to herald Your love in the morning,

C Your truth at the close of the day.

L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination.

L I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

C **The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.**

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L The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

C **Amen.**

445 When You Woke That Thursday Morning

1 When You woke that Thursday morning,
Savior, teacher, faithful friend,
Thoughts of self and safety scorning,
Knowing how the day would end;
Lamb of God, foretold for ages,
Now at last the hour had come
When but One could pay sin's wages:
You assumed their dreadful sum.

- 2 Never so alone and lonely,
 Longing with tormented heart
To be with Your dear ones only
 For a quiet hour apart:
Sinless Lamb and fallen creature,
 One last paschal meal to eat,
One last lesson as their teacher,
 Washing Your disciples' feet.
- 3 What was there that You could give them
 That would never be outspent,
What great gift that would outlive them,
 What last will and testament?
“Show Me and the world you love Me,
 Know Me as the Lamb of God:
Do this in remembrance of Me,
 Eat this body, drink this blood.”

4 One in faith, in love united,
All one body, You the head,
When we meet, by You invited,
You are with us, as You said.
One with You and one another
In a unity sublime,
See in us Your sister, brother,
One in ev'ry place and time.

5 One day all the Church will capture
That bright vision glorious,
And Your saints will know the rapture
That Your heart desired for us,
When the longed-for peace and union
Of the Greatest and the least
Meet in joyous, blest communion
In Your never-ending feast.

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One or more of the following are read.

⁹Why should you be like a man confused,
like a mighty warrior who cannot save?
Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,
and we are called by your name;
do not leave us.”

Silence for reflection.

¹⁸Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression
for the remnant of his inheritance?
He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.
¹⁹He will again have compassion on us;
he will tread our iniquities under foot.
You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.

Silence for reflection.

²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Silence for reflection.

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

Silence for reflection.

Reading

Exodus 24:3–11

▣ A reading from Exodus, chapter 24.

³Moses 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.” ⁴And 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. ⁵And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. ⁶And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. ⁷Then 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.” ⁸And 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.”

⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up,
¹⁰and 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. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the
people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Mark 14:12–26

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²On 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?”
¹³And 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, ¹⁴and 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?’
¹⁵And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.” ¹⁶And
the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they
prepared the Passover.

¹⁷And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸And 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.” ¹⁹They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, “Is it I?” ²⁰He said to
them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. ²¹For 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.”

²²And 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.” ²³And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly, 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.”

²⁶And 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.

Responsory

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L Into Your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

C Into Your hands I commend my spirit.

L You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

C Into Your hands I commend my spirit.

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Into Your hands I commend my spirit.

Children's Sermon

621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

sts. 1–3

- 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending
Comes our homage to demand.

- 2 King of kings yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.

- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light, descending
From the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish
As the darkness clears away.

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Sermon

L Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C listen to my cry.

L Keep me as the apple of Your eye;

C hide me in the shadow of Your wings.

L In righteousness I shall see You;

C when I awake, Your presence will give me joy.

One or more of the following are prayed.

L Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

L O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in Your mercy grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

L Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in Your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- L** Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and drive from them all the snares of the enemy; let Your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let Your blessing be on us always; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- L** Eternal God, the hours both of day and night are Yours, and to You the darkness is no threat. Be present, we pray, with those who labor in these hours of night, especially those who watch and work on behalf of others. Grant them diligence in their watching, faithfulness in their service, courage in danger, and competence in emergencies. Help them to meet the needs of others with confidence and compassion; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- L** Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our life, at the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair, the night when death draws near. Abide with us and with all the faithful, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.

Proper Preface

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 invites us to His eternal banquet Table and feeds us with the Bread of Life, which alone satisfies our hungry hearts and enables us to joyfully experience His presence forever. 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, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

C **Jesus prepares His Table before us and invites us to feast with Him in His eternal kingdom.**

P Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of Christ's cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

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 ✠ 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."

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

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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.**

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G Amen.

Agnus Dei

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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.

618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole: *Refrain*

ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

- 2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. *Refrain*
- 3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: *Refrain*
- 4 Weary am I and heavy laden;
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. *Refrain*
- 5 What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace. *Refrain*

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436 Go to Dark Gethsemane

- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see,
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

- 2 Follow to the judgment hall,
View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
Learn from Him to bear the cross.

- 3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear Him cry;
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

4 Early hasten to the tomb
Where they laid His breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom.
Who has taken Him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.
Savior, teach us so to rise.

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The Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

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L Guide us waking, O Lord,
and guard us sleeping
that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep we may rest in peace.

C Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;
Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:
a light to reveal You to the nations
and the glory of Your people Israel.
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.
Guide us waking, O Lord,
and guard us sleeping
that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep we may rest in peace.

Special Music: "Give Me Jesus"

Sara Newman

Stripping of the Altar

P The altar is a symbol of our Lord, vested in fine linens, holding the vessels for bread and wine and the stand for Readings from Scripture and for the liturgy, and having candles to proclaim Him as the light of the world. As those adornments are removed, symbolic of the abuse our Lord experienced today and tomorrow, we shall read Psalm 22, for the evangelists Matthew and Mark tell us that our Lord prayed, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me,” as He took our place on the cross.

C **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.

P 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.**

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