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## *Maundy Thursday 2020*



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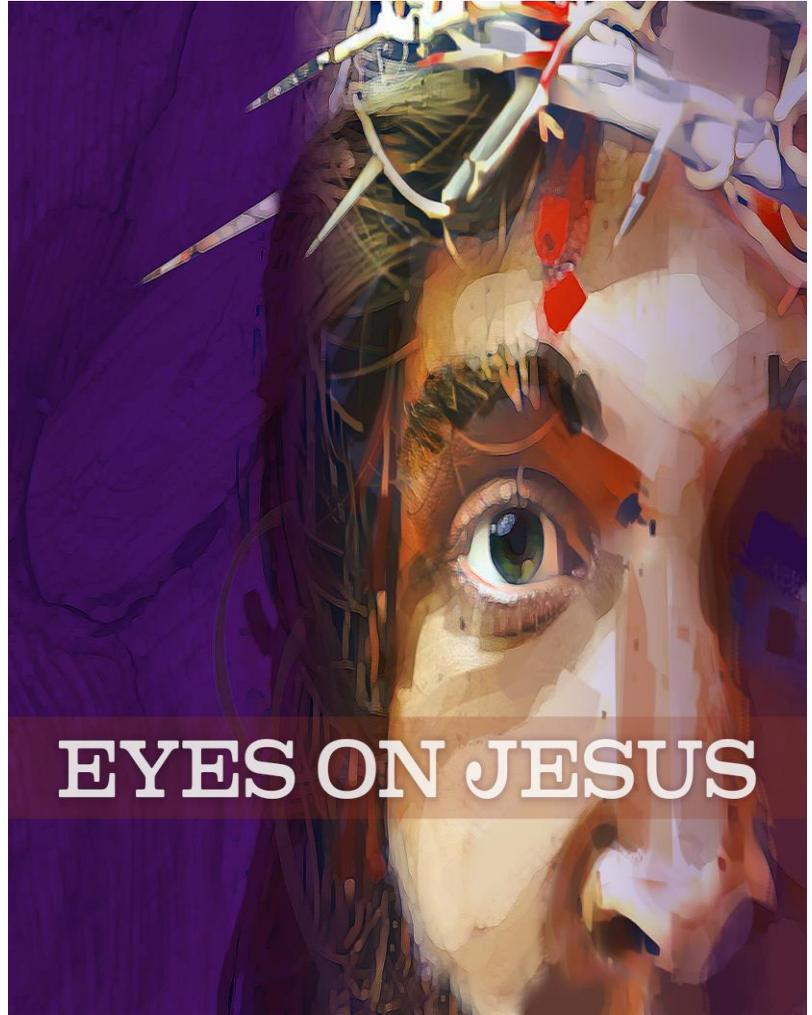
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P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P I will go to the altar of God,

C **to God my exceeding joy.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.** *(be seated)*

P During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that prevents us from trusting in God and loving each other. Since it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ on this night when He instituted this blessed meal for our salvation, it is proper that we complete our Lenten discipline by diligently examining ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do. This Holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God's wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, 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. For our benefit, He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

So that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you." It is as if He said, "I became man, and all that I do and suffer is for your good. As a pledge of this, I give you My body to eat."

In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and 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." Again, it is as if He said, "I have had mercy on you by taking into Myself all your iniquities. I give Myself into death, shedding My blood to obtain grace and forgiveness of sins, and to comfort and establish the new testament, which gives forgiveness and everlasting salvation. As a pledge of this, I give you My blood to drink."

Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death—that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. As our Lord this night exemplified this love by washing His disciples' feet, so we by our words and actions serve one another in love. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink from the one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with wine of many grapes and one bread made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

C **Amen.**

P Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

C **Amen.**           *(Stand & quietly reflect)*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **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 God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C **Amen.**

P Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

C **Yes.**

P Let it be done for you as you believe.

*The pastor absolves the penitents individually at the rail, laying his hands on the head of each and pronouncing the absolution.*

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.**  
P O Lord,  
C **have mercy.**  
P O Christ,  
C **have mercy.**  
P O Lord,  
C **have mercy.**  
P O Christ,  
C **hear us.**  
P God the Father in heaven,  
C **have mercy.**  
P God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
C **have mercy.**  
P God the Holy Spirit,  
C **have mercy.**  
P Be gracious to us.  
C **Spare us, good Lord.**  
P Be gracious to us.  
C **Help us, good Lord.**  
P By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity; by Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial; by Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:  
C **Help us, good Lord.**  
P In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:  
C **Help us, good Lord.**  
P We poor sinners implore You  
C **to hear us, O Lord.**  
P To prosper the teaching of Your Word; to bless our prayer and meditation; to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith; and to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:  
C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**  
P To draw all to Yourself; to bless those who are instructed in the faith; to watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the forsaken, the abandoned, and all who stand in need of our prayers; to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy; and to have mercy on us all:  
C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

P To turn our hearts to You; to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and graciously to hear our prayers:

C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C **we implore You to hear us.**

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C **have mercy.**

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C **have mercy.**

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C **grant us Your peace.**

P O Christ,

C **hear us.**

P O Lord,

C **have mercy.**

P O Christ,

C **have mercy.**

P O Lord,

C **have mercy. Amen.**

P O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises You have laid up for those who are repentant; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

L O Lord, do not deal with us according to our sins.

C **Do not reward us according to our iniquities.**

L Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You desire not the death of a sinner, but rather that we turn from our evil ways and live. Graciously spare us those punishments which we by our sins have deserved, and grant us always to serve You in holiness and pureness of living; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## Hymn *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.

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## + Service of the Word +

### Psalm 116:12–19 *Read Responsively*

P I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the LORD.

C **What shall I render to the LORD  
for all his benefits to me?**

P I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD,

C **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.

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

P I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the LORD.

C **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!**

P I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the LORD.

## 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.**

## Old Testament Reading *Exodus 12:1–14*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup>“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, <sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>“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. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. <sup>10</sup>And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup>“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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual *Hebrews 12:2*

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,\*  
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,  
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,\*  
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 11:23–32*

<sup>23</sup>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, <sup>24</sup>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.” <sup>25</sup>In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

<sup>27</sup>Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup>Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup>For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. <sup>30</sup>That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. <sup>31</sup>But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup>But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Tract *Psalm 111:4–5; John 6:55–56 John 13:1b*

P He has caused his wondrous works to be re- | membered;\*  
the LORD is gracious and | merciful.

C **He provides food for those who | fear him;\***  
**he remembers his covenant for- | ever.**

P My flesh is true food, and my blood is | true drink.\*  
Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and | I in him.

C **Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.**

## Holy Gospel *Mark 14:22–25*

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

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

And 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 men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit 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 will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead,  
whose kingdom will 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 in 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 T of the world to come. Amen.

## Hymn of the Day    *617 O Lord, We Praise Thee*

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*LSB 617*

- 1    O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
    In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
    Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish  
    Our weak souls that they may flourish:  
        O Lord, have mercy!  
    May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
    That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
    And Thy blood for us plead  
    In all trial, fear, and need:  
        O Lord, have mercy!
  
- 2    Thy holy body into death was given,  
    Life to win for us in heaven.  
    No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;  
    May this feast thereof remind us!  
        O Lord, have mercy!  
    Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee  
    That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.  
    All our debt Thou hast paid;  
    Peace with God once more is made:  
        O Lord, have mercy!
  
- 3    May God bestow on us His grace and favor  
    That we follow Christ our Savior  
    And live together here in love and union  
    Nor despise this blest Communion!  
        O Lord, have mercy!  
    Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;  
    Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;  
    Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
    Days of peace and unity:  
        O Lord, have mercy!

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## Sermon

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

### Prayer of the Church

P Lord Jesus Christ, on the solemn night of Your betrayal, You instituted the Sacrament in which You feed us Your body offered on the cross and Your blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins. Help us to look beyond the humble elements of bread and wine and find in, with, and under them our dearest treasure so that we may fix our eyes upon You, the author and perfecter of our faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Make us truly worthy and well-prepared to receive Your Holy Supper by giving us faith in Your words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” Help us never to disbelieve these words or doubt them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P As You preserved Your holy people Israel during the Passover through the blood of lambs and led them out of bondage in Egypt, so also preserve us by Your precious blood and lead us out of bondage to sin and the devil. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P May Your Church frequently eat the bread and drink the cup of the Lord’s Supper so that Your death may be proclaimed until You come again in glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P May the true food of Your body and blood give us confidence that we will forever abide in You and that You will abide in us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P As we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, grant that we fear no evil, knowing that You have promised to those who eat of Your body and drink Your blood eternal life and that they will be raised up on the last day. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P As You loved Your own in the world to the end, so also may we love our neighbors as ourselves and show to the world that we are Your disciples. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Through the saving bath of Holy Baptism, You have washed us clean and made us acceptable to the Father. May we likewise wash the feet of our neighbors through the forgiveness of their sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P Into Your nail-scarred hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls and all that we have, trusting that You will grant all of our needs of body and soul; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

## Offering

### Offertory *LSB 192*

- C **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.**

## + Stripping of the Altar +

*The Communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn services of Good Friday.*

## Psalm 22

- 1 My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?  
2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season and am not silent.  
3 But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.  
4 Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.  
5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded. 6 But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.  
7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,  
8 He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.  
9 But thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts.  
10 I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou art my God from my mother's belly.  
11 Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help.

12 Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.  
13 They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion.  
14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.  
15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.  
16 For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.  
17 I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me.  
18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.  
19 But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me.  
20 Deliver my soul from the sword; my darling from the power of the dog.  
21 Save me from the lion's mouth: for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns. 22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.  
23 Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.  
24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.  
25 My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.  
26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.  
27 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.  
28 For the kingdom is the LORD'S: and he is the governor among the nations.  
29 All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul.  
30 A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.  
31 They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this.

*All leave the church in silence.*

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