

MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 1, 2021-7:30PM

Theme of the Day: Covenant blood. That's Zechariah's promise to people trapped in a waterless pit, who are stuck with no way out.

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

(From selected verses in Zechariah 9:9–10)

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Behold, your King comes to you—

C: **Righteous and having salvation.**

P: Speaking peace to the nations.

C: **And ruling from sea to sea—**

P: To the ends of the earth!

C: **God's kingdom comes—**

P: To us!

All: **Through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

HYMN

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

#435:1-3

- 1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.

- 2 Come in poverty and meanness, Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness, From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.

- 3 Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore; They that drink shall thirst no more.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Come to Calvary's holy mountain, sinners ruined by the fall.

C: **Here, a pure and healing fountain flows for you, for me, for all.**

P: In a full, perpetual tide—

C: **Opened when our Savior died!**

P: Coming to Calvary's holy mountain, we confess our sins.

Silence for reflection and confession

P: Merciful Father—

C: **I am wrapped up in myself.**

P: I cling to comfort and choose the easy way.

C: **I want tweaking not transformation.**

P: Greed, envy, intolerance and jealousy mark my life.

C: **I fail to learn, and what I have learned, I fail to practice.**

P: I judge others with a standard I never use for myself.

All: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

P: Zechariah 13:1 states, "On that day there will be a fountain opened to cleanse from sin and uncleanness." Because of Christ's cross and crucifixion—Zechariah's day is today. Here, a pure and healing fountain flows for you, for me, for all. In a full, perpetual tide opened when our Savior died. In Jesus' name, you are absolved, forgiven and loved! God's kingdom comes to us—

All: Through Jesus Christ our Lord!

HYMN

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

#435:4

4 They that drink shall live forever; 'Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never Break His covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when He was glorified.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his body and blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive these gifts thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

THE READINGS ARE ABOUT CHRIST'S GIFT OF HIS TRUE BODY AND TRUE BLOOD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 24:3-11

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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Silence for Meditation on the Lesson

EPISTLE LESSON**1 Corinthians 11:23-32**

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. 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. 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. 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.

E: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Silence for Meditation on the Lesson

GOSPEL LESSON**Mark 14:17–26**

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

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 to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

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. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. 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 + of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON

“Covenant Blood”

Zechariah 9:11–12

OFFERING & HYMN

A Mighty Fortress

#656

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.
- 2 With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.
- 3 Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.
- 4 The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

Public Domain

PRAYERS

P: Our King comes to us, righteous and having salvation. May God hear our prayers, because of our crucified and risen King—Christ Jesus.

A brief silence

P: Heavenly Father, as you first came to us, claiming us as your own, we welcome you into our lives—

C: **We make ourselves available to your holy will.**

P: Help us become living examples of your love in the world.
C: Open our hearts to the areas of our lives that need to change—
P: So we carry out the mission of our church—
C: *Connecting People to Jesus.*
P: Inspire us to live the Christian life—
C: In ways that are dynamic and engaging.
P: Bring renewal to our church.
C: And make us hunger and thirst for more of Jesus.
P: Give us courage when we are afraid.
C: Hope when we are discouraged.
P: And clarity in times of decision.

Additional prayers: After each petition respond...

P: Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

P: They that drink shall live forever; 'tis a soul renewing flood.
C: God is faithful; God will never, break his covenant of blood.
P: Signed when our Redeemer died—
All: Sealed when he was glorified. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.
C: Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

LSB p. 198

C: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world; grant us Thy peace.
A...men.

THE DISTRIBUTION AND HYMNS

SONG

"Remember"

Solo by Alana Ratz

HYMN

"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

LSB #611

1 Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.

- 2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love, Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me—wondrous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
- 3 Only Jesus can impart Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n, Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.
- 4 Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known, All my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life Safe with Him from earthly strife.
- 5 O my Savior, help afford By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

Public Domain

HYMN

“O Lord, We Praise Thee”

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!

© 1941 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License .NET, no. 100011861.

HYMN

“The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord”

LSB #634

- 1 The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord, We celebrate with one accord;
It is our comfort in distress, Our heart's sweet joy and happiness.
- 2 He blotted out with His own blood The judgment that against us stood;
For us He full atonement made, And all our debt He fully paid.

- 3 That this forever true shall be He gives a solemn guarantee:
In this His holy Supper here We taste His love so sweet, so near.
- 4 His Word proclaims and we believe That in this Supper we receive
His very body, as He said, His very blood for sinners shed.
- 5 We dare not ask how this can be, But simply hold the mystery
And trust this word where life begins: "Given and shed for all your sins."
- 6 They who this word do not believe This food unworthily receive,
Salvation here will never find—May we this warning keep in mind!
- 7 But blest is each believing guest Who in these promises finds rest;
For Jesus shall in love remain With all who here His grace obtain.
- 8 Help us sincerely to believe That we may worthily receive
Your Supper and in You find rest. Amen! They who believe are blest.
- Public Domain

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: ...who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

P: ...and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN

Cross of Jesus Christ, Cross of Sorrow

LSB #428

- 1 Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Perfect Man on thee did suffer, Perfect God on thee has bled!
- 2 Here the King of all the ages, Throned in light ere worlds could be,
Robed in mortal flesh is dying, Crucified by sin for me.
- 3 O mysterious condescending! O abandonment sublime!
Very God Himself is bearing All the sufferings of time!
- 4 Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Perfect Man on thee did suffer, Perfect God on thee has bled!

Public domain

SILENT PRAYER Thank you, Jesus, for covenant blood—I am a prisoner no more! Amen.

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR