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COVER IMAGE #6 Gethsemane In memory of Wallin Fisher

In the top panel, the chalice, wafer, and bread represent the Last Supper. In the center panel, the chalice with the Chi-Rho and drops of blood represents Christ's suffering and praying in the garden. In the lower panel, the scourge symbolizes other aspects of Christ's suffering.

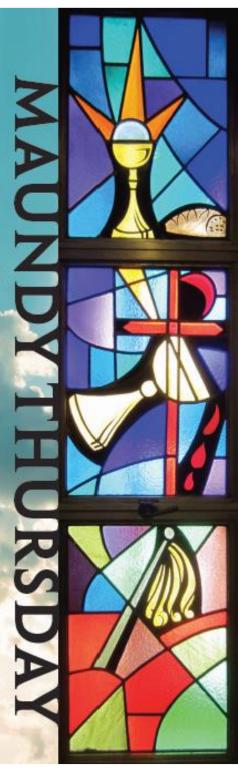
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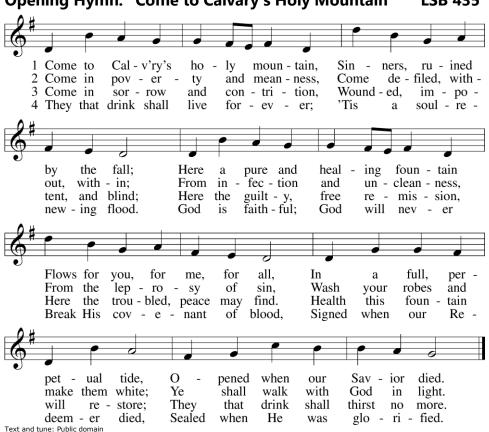


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Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation

- P I will go to the altar of God,
- **©** to God my exceeding joy.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **©** who made heaven and earth.

Confessional Address

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. 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 the 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 the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.
- C Amen.

Confession of Sins

- P 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 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?
- Yes. I Believe.
- P Let it be done for you as you believe.

Absolution

- 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

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Blessing

- 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 → peace.
- C Amen.

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you."

Collect if the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- 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 Lesson (Exodus 24:3-11)

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.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson (1 Corinthians 11:23-32)

²³For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In 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." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"The Upper Room"

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Gospel Lesson (Matthew 26:17-30)

- P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 26th chapter.
- Praise to You, O Lord.

¹⁷Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?" ¹⁸He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" ¹⁹And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

²⁰When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. ²¹And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." ²²And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" ²³He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. ²⁴The 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." ²⁵Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."

²⁶Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." ³⁰And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- 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. 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

Theme: "The Mystery of the Mass"

Text: 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

Prayer of the Church

Petitions Ending with: P Lord, in Your mercy.

© Hear our prayer.

- Into Your hands, O Lord, we place ourselves and all those for whom we pray, confident of the mercy that You show to us because of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And with thy spirit.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **W**e lift them up unto the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
- It is meet and right so to do.
- It is truly meet, 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 accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. 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

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

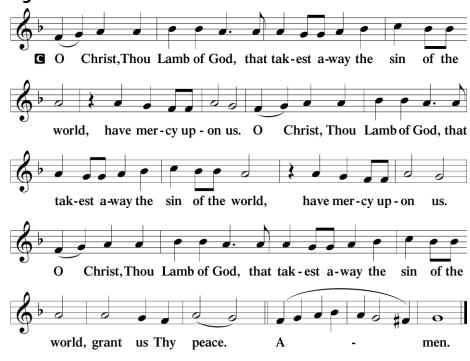
Lord's Prayer

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 Our Lord

- 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."
- P 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."
- P Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
- C Amen.

Agnus Dei



Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P Almighty God, ruler of the universe, we thank You for Your mighty acts of deliverance. You enable us to cross over from despair to hope, from brokenness to wholeness, from death to life. We thank You for the deep love of Jesus, which is expressed in His life-giving sacrifice, securing redemption for all creation. We give You ardent thanks for the grace and salvation we have in the blessed gifts of Your holy body and blood.
- C Amen.

The Stripping of the Altar

The Altar is stripped while Psalm 22 is chanted. After the chancel is emptied of all its appointments, please prayerfully depart in silence when you are ready.

Psalm 22 (NIV)

- ¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?
- ² My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest.^[b]
- ³ Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises.^[C]
- ⁴ In you our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.
- ⁵ To you they cried out and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
- ⁶ But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people.
- ⁷ All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads.
- ⁸ "He trusts in the LORD," they say, "let the LORD rescue him.

Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."

- ⁹ Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you, even at my mother's breast.
- ¹⁰ From birth I was cast on you; from my mother's womb you have been my God.

- 11 Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.
- ¹² Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.
- ¹³ Roaring lions that tear their prey open their mouths wide against me.
- ¹⁴ I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.

My heart has turned to wax; it has melted within me.

- ¹⁵ My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.
- ¹⁶ Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce^[e] my hands and my feet.
- ¹⁷ All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me.
- ¹⁸ They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.
- ¹⁹ But you, LORD, do not be far from me. You are my strength; come quickly to help me.
- Deliver me from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs.
- ²¹ Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen.
- ²² I will declare your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise you.

- ²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!
- the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.
- ²⁵ From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you^[f] I will fulfill my vows.
- The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the LORD will praise him may your hearts live forever!
- ²⁷ All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,
- ²⁸ for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations.
- ²⁹ All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—those who cannot keep themselves alive.
- ³⁰ Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.
- 31 They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn:
 He has done it!

Holy Weekend Service Schedule

All Services Online

Good Friday Service

April 10, 2020 7:00p

Easter Services

April 12, 2020 6:30a Sunrise 9:00a Worship Service

Acknowledgments

Holy Thursday from Lutheran Service Book

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