



Lutheran Church & Christian School



Maundy Thursday
"For You!"

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Redeemed, Restored, & Rejoicing in Jesus!

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AS WE GATHER

Jesus had no epitaph. Buried in a borrowed tomb, no words were emblazoned across His grave. Instead, during the Savior's final hours, He paved a way through suffering with a new Word – a new command, remembered and recited throughout the ages – a simple sentence, a tiny touchstone along His way of sorrows to see us through our own and into the care of others. His Word still beckons us as He is given and shed "for you." "For you!!" Truly it is a Word that bestows life – now, for eternity.

PRELUDE

MUSICAL OFFERING "Communion" (*Words & Music by Mac Powell | Brad Avery | David Carr | Tai Anderson | Mark D. Lee © 2005 Kobalt Music Copyrights SARL*)

*Chorus: This is the body, this is the blood, broken and poured out for all of us.
(And) in this communion we share in His love,
This is the body, this is the blood.*

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN OF INVITATION "With Words that Last Forever" [TUNE: LSB 449]

With words that last forever You speak in richest grace,
Lord Jesus Christ, my Savior, upon Your cross disgraced.
With open ears I listen, with open mind believe,
With open heart embrace You: I, Lord, Your words receive.

"Forgiveness" granted sinners, and "Paradise, today!"
"Behold your son, your mother!" to family You say.
The air is split with anguish in Your "Forsaken" cry,
As "Thirsty," work "Accomplished," in "Father's hands" You die.

Pray, sanctify the silence with which I contemplate
Your boundless love for sinners, Your sacrifice so great,
Till at the tomb I waken to Your new Word for me:
These words, not last, but lasting, shall ring eternally!

APPROACHING THE WORD

The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of your Baptism.

P The grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ ☩ the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be and abide with you all.

C And also with you.

P Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

C “This is my body, given for you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you.”

P The word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God.

C “This is my body, given for you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you.”

P The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

C “This is my body, given for you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you.”

P “The Word that goes forth from My mouth shall not return to Me empty,” says the Lord. “It shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”

C “This is my body, given for you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you.”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Gracious God, Your covenant of love for us came to full fruition in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Guide us to be so moved by the depth of Christ’s new covenant of love, that we love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love our neighbor as ourselves; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 12:1-14* (The Passover.)

¹ The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ² “This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ 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. ⁴ 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.

⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶ 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.

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

¹⁴ “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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (The Lord's Supper.)

²³ 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, ²⁴ 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." ²⁵ 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." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR DUET:

"Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"
Pauline Brusco & Carol Kay, Vocalists

GOSPEL READING John 13:1-17, 34 (A New Commandment.)

P The holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

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

¹ Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. ² During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴ rose from supper. He laid aside His outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around His waist. ⁵ Then He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around Him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to Him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with Me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹ For He knew who was to betray Him; that was why He said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹² When He had washed their feet and put on His outer garments and resumed His place, He said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. ... ³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN FOR THE WORD “We Turn Our Eyes to You” (*Words & Music by Claire Cloninger, Bob Fitts and Paul Smith © 2002 Juniper Landing Music | Integrity’s Hosanna Music | Curb Word Music*)

1. We turn our eyes to You, we turn our eyes to You;
In the beauty of Your presence, Lord, we turn our eyes to You.
2. We lift our hands to You, we lift our hands to You;
In the comfort of Your presence, Lord, we lift our hands to You.

*Refrain: For here in Your presence, all our fear just melts away;
And here in Your presence, our hearts just melt in praise;
Lord, we’re so thankful and grateful and always want to stay
Here where You heal us and keep us forever.*

3. We give our hearts to You, we give our hearts to You;
In the glory of Your presence, Lord, we give our hearts to You.

Repeat v. 1 & Refrain

Ending: In the beauty of Your presence, Lord, we turn our eyes to You.

MEDITATION “For You!”

Pastor Tim Knapp

For words to this and subsequent hymns please see PowerPoint or the hymnal.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P As we mark the forty days of Lent with repentance and forgiveness, let us pray for the renewal of the Church and the restoration of the world to the life of God in Christ.

Silence for time of personal reflection.

Each petition concludes with the following response:

C Satisfy us with Your fullness, loving Lord.

Additional petitions may be offered.

P Gracious Father, listen to the prayers that flow from our lips, and sustain us with the forgiveness won by Your Son’s Passion, death and resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sharing of God’s peace.

OFFERTORY “O Come to the Altar” (Words & Music by Chris Brown, Mack Brock, Steven Furtick & Wade Joye © 2015 Elevation Worship Publishing)

Chorus: *O come to the altar; the Father’s arms are open wide.
Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.*

Bridge: *Oh what a Savior, isn’t He wonderful?
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen!
Bow down before Him, for He is Lord of all.
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen!*

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown;
Tell the world of the treasure you’ve found.

PREFACE TO HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*

Congregation: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

EXHORTATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

I exhort you in Christ that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the words with which Christ presents His body and blood to us for forgiveness; that you take note of and give thanks for the boundless love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in His name, according to His command, and with His own words administer and receive the Testament.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: The cup of blessing that we bless,

Congregation: Is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?

Pastor: The bread that we break,

Congregation: Is it not a participation in the body of Christ?

Pastor: Because there is one bread,

Congregation: We who are many are one body, for we all partake of that one bread.

Pastor: So, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

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

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

See PowerPoint or back of the hymnal.

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION “Our Savior Speaks in Love” [TUNE: LSB 424]

Our Savior speaks in love, to sinners in their need.
Oh, hear the message from above; His gracious promise heed.

Christ calls us to believe His Words of promise true:
“My body and My blood receive, given and shed for you.”

Our Savior speaks; may we give heed to ev’ry word,
And grace be given faithfully to trust what we have heard.

DISTRIBUTION

For those desiring to receive the LORD’S SUPPER today, please refer to the laminated card in the pew racks. Those not receiving Communion are still invited to come forward for a blessing. At the Communion rail, simply bow your head to receive a blessing.

At the time of Communion, please follow the direction of the ushers. For those receiving the individual cups, a non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of each tray. Following the passing of the individual cups, the common cup is offered for those who wish to commune in that manner.

All who are communing are encouraged to review the Sacrament of the Altar on pp. 326-327, and the Questions on pp. 329-330, in the front of the hymnal. Once again, we thank God for all who worship here today.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN “Thy Body Given for Me, O Savior” *LSB 619*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Gracious heavenly Father, we thank You that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to hold fast Your Word in hearts which You have cleansed that thereby we may be made strong in faith and perfect in holiness, and be comforted in life and in death; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P The meal is eaten, the prayers said. Now Jesus begins the final journey to Gethsemane and to the cross.

C Confusion fills the air. Sorrow now shadows the evening.

P Judas hurries to the temple. The priests plot and plan the destruction of Jerusalem.

C The joyful fellowship and companionship of the holiday turns into solemn company and fearfulness.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR “Jesus Went to the Garden” (*Words and Music by Steve Hindalong and Marc Byrd ©2003 Never Say Never Songs | New Spring | Meaux Mercy*)

At this time, the altar is stripped and the chancel is cleared in preparation for Good Friday. The congregation is invited to meditate on Psalm 22.

22 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.

³ Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴ In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

⁵ To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

⁶ But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

⁷ All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

⁸ “He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

⁹ Yet you are he who took me from the womb;

you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.

¹⁰ On you was I cast from my birth,
 and from my mother's womb you have been my God.
¹¹ Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.
¹² Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
¹³ they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and 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 within my breast;
¹⁵ my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
 you lay me in the dust of death.
¹⁶ For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me;
 they have pierced my hands and feet—
¹⁷ I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me;
¹⁸ they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.
¹⁹ But you, O LORD, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid!
²⁰ Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog!
²¹ Save me from the mouth of the lion!
 You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!
²² I will tell of your name to my brothers;
 in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
²³ 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!
²⁴ 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.
²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
 my vows I will perform before those who fear him.
²⁶ The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
 May your hearts live forever!
²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
 and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.
²⁸ For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.
²⁹ 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.
³⁰ Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
³¹ they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,
 that he has done it.

CLOSING ADMONITIONS Matthew 26:44-46

⁴⁴So, leaving them again, [Jesus] went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. ⁴⁵Then He came to the disciples and said to them, “Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Rise, let us be going; see, My betrayer is at hand.”

P Come, let us also arise. Let us go to Calvary, and then, to life!

C Amen.

P Now, follow Jesus as you have promised. Follow Him in service even to the giving of your own life. Follow Jesus as He prays in anguish of spirit. Follow Him as He serves your sentence on the cross. Follow God’s suffering Servant to death and to life.

C Amen.

DEPARTING HYMN “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

LSB 436

As this service is continued with our Good Friday services tomorrow at 12 Noon & 7:00 p.m., the Benediction is omitted. Having tasted of Jesus’ gifts “for you,” we now journey to The Cross, to behold our Savior and our Life.

“7 for LIFE”

Opportunities to Go Deeper:

“Finished!” (Friday, April 7, Noon & 7:00 p.m.)

“Alleluia” (Easter Sunday 6 & 10:30 a.m.)

Easter Breakfast after Sunrise Service

Followed by Adult Bible Study

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