

MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 9, 2020

**“THIS IS MY BODY  
THIS IS Mÿ BLOOD.”**

**MATTHEW 26:26, 28**



Knowing Christ's Love ... Seeking His Will ... Spreading His Word



# MaundyThursday

This service for Holy Thursday is the first service in the celebration of the holy three days of Christ's Passover, commonly known as the Triduum. It culminates the Lenten period of preparation for Christ's Passion and Resurrection and leads into His sacrifice on our behalf. As such, the service, like that for Good Friday, exhibits a mood of restrained joy. It consists of four parts: the Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution, the Service of the Word, the Service of the Sacrament, and the Stripping of the Altar.

The Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution signals the end of the Lenten preparations with the absolution and peace of Christ that stand at the center of the Three Days. The Service of the Word focuses upon Christ's humble service demonstrated in His washing of His disciples' feet, a servanthood enacted on the Cross and whose benefits are bestowed in the Lord's Supper. The service culminates with the Lord's ministry to His people through the Sacrament of the Altar.

The depth of Christ's servanthood is demonstrated as the altar is reverently stripped in preparation for the Church's observance of Jesus' death. In this service, the Church and her catechumens begin the journey through the three days of Christ's Passover from death to life and from captivity to freedom.

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## Upcoming Services:

Good Friday, April 10, at 12:00 p.m. (online)

Easter Sunday, April 12, at 7:00 a.m. (drive-in)

Easter Sunday, April 12, at 9:00 a.m. (online)

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If you desire to receive Holy Communion, please contact Rev. Thieme. He will arrange a time for you to come to Trinity to receive the sacrament while remaining in your vehicle.

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Weather permitting, we will be hosting a drive-in worship service on Easter Sunday at 7:00 a.m. To join us please park in the west/upper parking lot. You will be able to listen to the service through your car's radio. [For more details please the service information on our website.](#) All attendees must adhere to the following directives from the City of Columbia:

- Everyone must stay in their vehicles.
- Vehicle windows must remain rolled up at all times.
- Only one household per vehicle. Do not bring guests with you.

# Maundy Thursday

Divine Service

April 9, 2020

(† ~ Congregation Stands)

Bells' Call to Worship

Words of Welcome

Organ Prelude

Opening Hymn "Not All the Blood of Beasts"

LSB 431



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain  
2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;  
3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,  
4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den Thou didst bear  
5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice To see the curse re - move;



Could give the guilt - y con - science peace Or wash a - way the stain.  
A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.  
While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.  
When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there.  
We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed - ing love.

## Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution

† Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the † 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.

† Confessional Address

**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 sins, humbly confess them, 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 sinful nature 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 upon 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 on 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 the bread is 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.

**P** 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.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*

**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.

**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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and 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.

† Collect

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** 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; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

Old Testament Reading:

Exodus 24:3-11

**P** The Old Testament reading for Maundy Thursday is from the book of Exodus, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**P** <sup>3</sup>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.”

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

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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.

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 9:11-22

**P** The Epistle reading is from the ninth chapter of Hebrews.

**P** <sup>11</sup>But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup>he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup>For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup>how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

<sup>15</sup>Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. <sup>16</sup>For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. <sup>17</sup>For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. <sup>19</sup>For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, <sup>20</sup>saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you.” <sup>21</sup>And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. <sup>22</sup>Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

† Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:26-28

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter:

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

**P** <sup>26</sup>Now 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.” <sup>27</sup>And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

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

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

Sermon Hymn “I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

LSB 618



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and  
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners  
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I  
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my  
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -  
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in  
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt  
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -  
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:  
faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.  
ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:  
ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.  
heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.



*Refrain*  
Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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Sermon “My Body...My Blood...for the Forgiveness of Sins”

Matthew 26:26-28

† Prayer

**P** Let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Holy Spirit, through whom purpose and gift are given to the Word and Sacrament, bless us this day as we participate in the cup of blessing and the breaking of bread with heightened appreciation of our blessed Lord who redeemed us and of each other who are the redeemed, that we may have here a haven from the sinful world in which we must live; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen.

Offering Announcement

Communion Announcement

† Lord’s Prayer

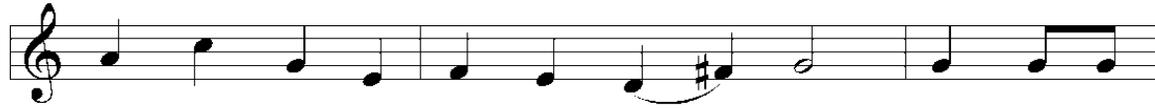
**C** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done, on earth  
as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Hymn "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

LSB 617



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,  
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy  
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that  
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -  
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our  
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy  
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead  
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

† Concluding Collect

**P** We thank You, our Father, for the life and the knowledge which You have made known to us through Jesus Your Son; to You be glory forever. Just as this broken bread was once scattered in grains of wheat over the hills, and having been gathered together became one, so let Your Church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into Your kingdom; for Yours is the glory and the power, through Jesus Christ forever. Amen

**C** Amen.

† Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

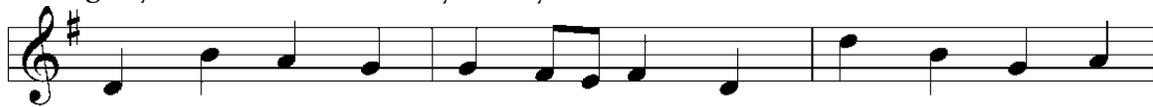
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

† Closing Hymn "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

LSB 435



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined  
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -  
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -  
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain  
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,  
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,  
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -  
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and  
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain  
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.  
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.  
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.  
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

† Organ Postlude

## Stripping of the Altar

*The Stripping of the altar (and washing) is an ancient feature of Maundy Thursday, symbolic of the humiliation of Jesus at the soldiers' hands. Psalm 22 rehearses this and other themes of the passion. As the altar is stripped, we often have cantors or the congregation sing Psalm 22.*

### Psalm 22

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?\*

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

<sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not | answer,\*  
and by night, but I | find no rest.

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are | holy,\*  
enthroned on the praises of | Israel.

<sup>4</sup>In you our fathers | trusted;\*  
they trusted, and you de- | livered them.

<sup>5</sup>To you they cried and were | rescued;\*  
in you they trusted and were not | put to shame.

<sup>6</sup>But I am a worm and | not a man,\*  
scorned by mankind and despised by the | people.

<sup>7</sup>All who see me | mock me;\*  
they make mouths at me; they | wag their heads;

<sup>8</sup>"He trusts in the LORD; let him de- | liver him;\*  
let him rescue him, for he de- | lights in him!"

<sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me | from the womb;\*  
you made me trust you at my | mother's breasts.

<sup>10</sup>On you was I cast | from my birth,\*  
and from my mother's womb you have | been my God.

<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me,  
for trouble | is near,\*  
and there is | none to help.

<sup>12</sup>Many bulls en- | compass me;\*  
strong bulls of Bashan sur- | round me;

<sup>13</sup>they open wide their | mouths at me,\*  
like a ravening and roaring | lion.

<sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are | out of joint;\*  
my heart is like wax;  
it is melted with- | in my breast;

<sup>15</sup>my strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
 and my tongue sticks | to my jaws;\*  
 you lay me in the | dust of death.  
<sup>16</sup>For dogs en- | compass me;\*  
 a company of evildoers encircles me;  
 they have pierced my | hands and feet—  
<sup>17</sup>I can count | all my bones—\*  
 they stare and gloat | over me;  
<sup>18</sup>they divide my garments a- | mong them,\*  
 and for my clothing they | cast lots.  
<sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, do not be | far off!\*  
 O you my help, come quickly | to my aid!  
<sup>20</sup>Deliver my soul | from the sword,\*  
 my precious life from the power | of the dog!  
<sup>21</sup>Save me from the mouth of the | lion!\*  
 You have rescued me from the horns of the wild | oxen!  
<sup>22</sup>I will tell of your name to my | brothers;\*  
 in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you:  
<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
 All you offspring of Jacob, glo- | rify him,\*  
 and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of | Israel!  
<sup>24</sup>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.  
<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congre- | gation;\*  
 my vows I will perform before those who | fear him.  
<sup>26</sup>The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
 those who seek him shall | praise the LORD!\*  
 May your hearts live for- | ever!  
<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember  
 and turn | to the LORD,\*  
 and all the families of the nations  
 shall worship be- | fore you.  
<sup>28</sup>For kingship belongs | to the LORD,\*  
 and he rules over the | nations.  
<sup>29</sup>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 him- | self alive.  
<sup>30</sup>Posterity shall | serve him; \*  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;  
<sup>31</sup>they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people | yet unborn, \*  
that he has | done it.

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